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THE CUSTOM-HOUSE FIGHT.

GEN. ARTHUR'S DENIALS OF MR. SHERMAN'S CHARGES.

HIS ANSWER READ BY SENATOR CONKLING TO THE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE—THE SUSPENDED COLLECTOR CENSURED FOR OBEYING TREASURY ORDERS—THE REJECTION OF MERRITT'S NOMINATION CONSIDERED CERTAIN.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—At its regular meeting this morning, the Senate Committee on Commerce considered the charges submitted by Secretary Sherman against the recent management of the New-York Custom-house, and Gen. Arthur's answer to them. The answer was read by Senator Conkling himself, and as the reading proceeded was commented upon and discussed in detail by the Senators present. Upward of three hours were consumed in this way, and it was found impossible to agree upon a report this morning. The committee has been called to meet at 10 o'clock to-morrow, however, and there is hardly a doubt that they will be ready with a report early to-morrow afternoon. That it will be adverse to the nomination of Merritt and company there is now no doubt. A prominent Democrat'c Senator stated to the Tribune correspondent to-day that Gen. Arthur's answer was so full, specific, and conclusive that all the Republican and nearly all the Democratic Senators who had listened to it were fully determined to vote in favor of sustaining him. The same gentleman stated that, even without Gen. Arthur's answer, the charges of Secretary Sherman were so loose and incoherent as to be practically unworthy of consideration.

In addition to that portion of the answer which was printed in THE TIMES of this morning, it can now be stated that Gen. Arthur's communication is particularly strong in reference to the clause in the Secretary's charges which relates to the employment of Custom-house clerks who, for certain services, received pay from importers. The Secretary specifically charges Gen. Arthur with having kept in his department a number of persons who, from time to time, accepted fees from importers for giving them information in regard to what are known as "commission charge cases;" in other words, for informing such importers of the amounts which had been unduly collected from them by the Customs service, and which they were entitled to receive back from the Government. In answer to this, Gen. Arthur shows, by official communications and by the record, that he was expressly instructed by the Treasury Department to permit clerks to perform for importers the service described. Other charges of a similar character made by the Secretary are refuted in the same way—by a reference to specific orders of his own, instructing the Collector to do exactly the service for which he is now condemned.

A close canvass of the Republican Senators, which was made to-day, reveals the fact that not more than five of them will vote for the confirmation of Merritt. The Democrats are divided to some extent, but there is now hardly a doubt that enough of them will vote against Merritt to secure his rejection by a very large majority. Senator Kernan, of New-York, who has been approached by friends of the Administration and repeatedly urged to aid them, continues to remain neutral, and to applications for advice, which he has received from a number of Southern Senators, has replied that he took but little interest in the contest, and believed that each Democratic Senator might vote as he thought fit, so far as his own constituents without reference to the party organization. Gen. Merritt is still here, actively pushing his claims, and the Administration, as usual, complacently predicts that it will come out with flying colors. Disinterested persons, who have the very best opportunity for judging, however, unite in expressing the opinion that Mr. Merritt will not receive more than 15 votes.

THE WEST AND THE SOLID SOUTH.

A PET SCHEME SPOILED BY GEN. BRAGG'S DENUNCIATION OF SOUTHERN WAR CLAIMS—THE "FIRE-EATERS" PREPARING TO DEFEND THEIR SO-CALLED HONOR.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—The breach between Southern and Western Democrats, which occurred in the House yesterday during the discussion on the bill granting to certain minor heirs of an original Southern claimant for damages for property destroyed during the rebellion the right to sue in the Court of Claims, has since been the principal topic of discussion in political circles here. One of the pet schemes, long cherished by the more intelligent leaders of the South, has been to unite in political harmony the South and West, and so, for a time at least, place the East under the control of those two sections. To this end numerous conventions have been held in the Mississippi Valley and in all the cotton States, and White League orators have talked themselves hoarse in regard to the natural bond between the great West and the great South. In view of these facts it is perhaps not to be wondered at that the bitter family feud which occurred in the Democratic camp yesterday has given great uneasiness to the Southern leaders most interested. Gen. Bragg, the brave little Democratic soldier from Wisconsin, who was brave enough to denounce Southern claims as frauds and to defy the solid South, has been unsparingly denounced as a traitor to his party, and it is known that Mr. Chalmers, of Fort Pillow, and other "fire-eaters" of the same sort, have prepared exceedingly sharp speeches in reply. These they intended to deliver to-day, and it is believed that in the debate which would certainly have followed, a number of independent and conscientious Democrats from the West would have joined Mr. Potter and Gen. Bragg in denouncing the unjust claims of the South and in properly rebuking the arrogance of the Representatives from that section. To prevent the fight which it was known must follow, the leading Democrats in the House and Senate met in an informal caucus last evening, and determined to do everything in their power to prevent a renewal of the discussion. In this they were, for the time, at least, successful. Chalmers, and one or two others from the South, who believed that the honor of their people, and all that sort of thing, had been assailed by Gen. Bragg, made an attempt to bring the bill up, but they were defeated by their own party friends. It is understood, however, that, in direct opposition to the advice of their associates, they will to-morrow make another effort in the same direction.

MR. GOODE'S EDUCATIONAL SCHEME.

THE BILL DEFEATED IN THE HOUSE—WESTERN AND SOUTHERN DEMOCRATS AGAIN EXCHANGE COMPLIMENTS—A COLORED CONGRESSMAN'S ELOQUENT SPEECH.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—The House wasted a good deal of valuable time to-day in listening to a number of set speeches in reference to the bill from the Committee on Education and Labor, which provides, in substance, for the distribution of the proceeds of the sales of public lands between the States and Territories for the education of the people. Many of the Southern members spoke in favor of the measure, while the Western men were generally opposed to it. Mr. Mills, of Texas, one of the most independent Democrats in the House, opposed the bill, and characterized it as a sham. Mr. Keifer, of Ohio, asked Mr. Goode, of Virginia, who had charge of the measure, if the Southern States would not discriminate against the blacks in the distribution of the fund, and if he would admit an amendment forbidding such discrimination. Mr. Goode replied he would admit such an amendment if it did not provide for mixed schools. Mr. Cain, the colored member from South Carolina, made the most notable speech of the day, greatly annoying the Southern members by quoting statistics to show that the number of illiterate colored persons in the South was smaller in proportion to the population than the number of ignorant whites in that section. He created a shout of laughter by declaring that education was needed everywhere, but especially in South Carolina and Louisiana, and that most of all was greater enlightenment needed in Mississippi, the State where the white gentlemen governed according to their own peculiar plan. At the close of his remarks, which were listened to with deserved attention, the eloquent colored Congressman was the recipient of many warm congratulations from his Republican colleagues.

REPUDIATION IN LOUISIANA.

THE DEMOCRATIC LEADERS DETERMINED TO REPUDIATE A LARGE PART OF THE STATE'S OBLIGATIONS AND REDUCE THE INTEREST ON THE RECENTLY-FUNDED CONSOLS.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—From letters received from New-Orleans this morning, by one of the most widely-known capitalists in Washington, it appears that the Democratic leaders who control the Legislature of Louisiana have substantially determined to reduce the State debt by repudiating all that portion of the outstanding consols which are in excess of the debt as it existed before the war. This they will do on the plea that the indebtedness contracted since the war is chargeable to "Radicals and carpet-baggers," and is, therefore, not legitimate or worthy of consideration. It is also proposed to reduce the interest on the recently-funded consols from 7 to 5 per cent. Just how audacious this proposal is will be better understood when it is stated that the old bonds of the State, which have been funded in the new 7 per cent. consols, were many of them bearing 8 per cent. interest, and it was part of the consideration of the contract, when the holders of these 8 per cent. bonds—most of them foreigners—consented to scale them 40 cents on the dollar of their face value and fund them in the new 7 per cent. consols, that the interest appropriation should, by constitutional amendment, be made perpetual till principal and interest were extinguished. Such constitutional amendments were adopted embodying this proviso, and the validity of the contract thus entered into has been more than once ratified by acts of the Legislature, approved and promulgated by Gov. Nicholls himself. For instance, Act No. 58, approved by Nicholls March 12, 1877, is entitled, "An act to enforce effectually the constitutional amendments proposed Jan. 24, 1874, ratified at the general election held on the 20 of November, 1874, relative to the State debt and the funding thereof."

The motive of reducing the debt materially by excluding all bonds not of ante-bellum origin will present several sterling difficulties. The Democratic speakers ante-bellum Legislature of 1865-6 authorized two $1,000,000 and also a $3,000,000 issue of levee bonds. These bonds were largely taken up abroad, principally in Holland, at 70 and 80 cents on the dollar in gold, and the proceeds were put into the levees of the State. Nearly $4,000,000 of the bonds issued by the Warmoth carpet-bag Legislature were for obligations authorized by that Democratic post-bellum Legislature. The larger part of the bonds issued by Warmoth in connection with Kellogg were for the payment of claims which were questioned in the courts by Kellogg and declared null and void by a decision of the court of last resort. Kellogg himself issued no bonds except $650,000 of railroad bonds, authorized by acts passed before his term of office. In short, all talk of reducing the rate of interest on the constitutionally guaranteed debt of Louisiana, or of picking out from the mass of outstanding consolidated bonds as representing alleged carpet-bag repudiation, has only one purpose, thinly veiled, and that is repudiation.

CONGRESSIONAL TOPICS.

A NOVEL POSTAL SUGGESTION — SENATOR HOWE'S DEFEAT ATTRIBUTED TO ADMINISTRATION INFLUENCE — PROPOSED RETIREMENT OF SENATOR CHRISTIANCY AND THE ELECTION OF EACH. CHANDLER.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—The committee of Congress which has under consideration the question of the classification of mail matter is daily in receipt of letters from all parts of the country making suggestions. One correspondent, who has evidently made a deep study of the Postal laws, suggests, among other things, the following: "The poor send letters, the postage should be 1 cent; the speculator sends circulators, and can afford to pay 2 cents. A man doesn't take a paper if he is not able to pay for it. Let him pay 1 cent each. Magazines and other literary matter are taken by the rich, make them pay 2 cents."

James H. Sloss, who was to-day nominated to be United States Marshal for the Northern District of Alabama, served two terms in Congress from Alabama, and was one of the most influential and competent Representatives that that section had in the House. He has, ever since his retirement from the House, been active in politics, and has wielded considerable influence in his State. It is believed that his nomination will meet with the approval of a majority of the Senate.

Friends of Senator Howe now in Washington claim that his defeat was brought about by the direct interference of agents of the Administration. During the French arms controversy, Senator Howe was exceedingly bitter in his antagonism to Secretary Schurz, who was then a member of the upper house, and he has recently been regarded as the leader of the anti-Administration party in the Senate, and made the first pronounced speech in opposition to Mr. Hayes' policy which was listened to in that body. For these reasons, it is known that both Secretary Schurz and the President have been strongly opposed to him, and although no one claims that the Secretary of the Interior did anything to prejudice the result in Wisconsin, it is stated with much positiveness that, with the advice of members of the Administration and by the aid of E. W. Keyes, the Postmaster at Madison, who threw all his influence for ex-Senator Carpenter, Mr. Howe was defeated. Of course, it is not claimed that Senator-elect Carpenter is the choice of the Administration, but it is stated that the successful candidate was selected as being eligible and in every way preferable to Senator Howe.

For some time past it has been a matter of comment in Washington that Senator Christiancy, of Michigan, has been willing to retire from the Senate if some place more suitable to his tastes were offered him. This desire has been perhaps intensified by what is believed to be the popular clamor in Michigan, especially since the late election, for the return of Zach Chandler to the Senate. It has also been a current rumor that the Republican leaders of Michigan have been for some time casting about to find some place which Mr. Christiancy would be willing to accept instead of the Senatorship. His term of service in that body expires in 1881, and it is generally conceded that he cannot be re-elected. It is known that he would much prefer a Judicial position, and when Justice Hunt was stricken with paralysis his friends were confident that if he was retired Mr. Christiancy would get his place. But for some reason not explained that idea has been abandoned, and it is now stated here that he would be glad to accept the mission to Brazil, and that the President would be equally glad to tender it to him. This statement, however, may be taken with the grain of allowance that it is being circulated by a number of Michigan politicians who are now in Washington, and who are known to be anxious to have Mr. Chandler returned to the Senate.

THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT.

DR. LINDERMAN SAID TO BE DYING.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—Dr. Linderman, Director of the Mint, is dying. At 12:30 o'clock this morning he was still alive, but after a consultation his physicians informed him and his family that he could not survive many days, and that he might die before daylight. He expressed himself as being resigned, and cheerfully took part in the religious services which were held in his room. Last Summer, during his vacation at the Isles of Shoals, Dr. Linderman contracted a severe cold, from which he has been suffering ever since. He has also been afflicted with a serious affection of the kidneys, and has recently grown so feeble that he has only been able to speak in a whisper. Recent newspaper attacks, and reflections upon his official record which were made by Congressman Glover, caused him much uneasiness, and are believed to have had much to do with his present condition. He is 50 years of age, and until recently has enjoyed the most perfect health. His death will be sincerely regretted by a large circle of friends in Washington and elsewhere.

THE APPROPRIATION BILLS.

PROVISIONS OF THE ARMY AND POST OFFICE BILLS AS REPORTED TO THE HOUSE.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—The Army Appropriation bill was reported to the House by Representative Hewitt to-day. The total amount appropriated by it is $26,747,300. The total estimates amounted to $29,084,500. The appropriation for the support of the Army during the year 1879 was $25,778,187. The committee, at their session this afternoon, concluded to strike out a number of the provisions informally agreed upon in their draft of the bill, and, as reported to the House, the new legislation recommended for enactment in the bill is as follows: Each member of the next two graduating classes of the Military Academy may elect to receive $750 and mileage to his place of residence, the acceptance of which shall render him ineligible to appointment in the Army until two years after his graduation. The existing limitation of the retired list is to be repealed, and every officer who has been 30 years in service may, upon his own application, be placed upon it; and on or before Jan. 1, 1880, every officer who shall have rendered 40 years' service, or who shall be 62 years of age, shall be retired; but the President may extend the limit of age to 65 years in any case where, in his judgment, the officer possesses peculiar fitness for his position. It is also provided that the Secretary of War shall cause reports to be made showing what officers may, in the opinion of the medical officers, be unfit for the efficient performance of military duty, and if any such officer shall not apply for permission to appear before a Retiring Board, he shall be retired; but in case of such application, he shall be retired or continued in service according to the recommendation of the Retiring Board, if approved by the President.

The principal items of the Post-Office Appropriation bill, reported to the House from the Committee on Appropriations to-day, are as follows: For compensation of Postmasters, $7,550,000; for clerks in Post Offices, $3,450,000; for payment of letter-carriers, $1,900,000; for mail transportation on star routes, $5,690,652; for transportation by railroads, $8,712,810; for transportation by steam-boat routes, $750,000; for transportation by postal-cars, $1,250,000; for compensation to railway postal clerks, $1,350,000; same agents, $1,075,000; for transportation of foreign mails, $1,000,000. It is reported that if the revenue of the department shall be insufficient to meet the appropriations made by this act, then the sum of $4,291,319, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated to supply deficiencies in the revenue of the Post Office Department for the year ending June 30, 1880. The sum appropriated by the bill is $34,960,651, the estimates upon which the bill is based were $36,571,900. The appropriations for the year ending June 30, 1879, were $33,256,873.

A MORMON PETITION.

TWO DAUGHTERS OF BRIGHAM YOUNG ASK CONGRESS TO REPEAL THE ANTI-POLYGAMY LAW.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—The memorial of Emeline B. Wells and Selna Young Williams, daughters of the late Brigham Young, presented to the House by the Speaker to-day, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, asks for the repeal of the Anti-Polygamy law of 1862, and for legislation to protect the women and children of Utah Territory. They say that previous to the decision by the Supreme Court of the United States that the law of 1862 was constitutional, the Mormon women generally implicitly believed to the contrary; that under their present civilization they have a peaceful, prosperous and healthful condition of society. Their children are owned and supported by their fathers, and are equally recognized as being to their father's estates, and women are protected from the temptation to infanticide and kindred crimes; that the enforcement of the law of 1862 would imprison their husbands, despoil and destroy their homes, render their children illegitimate before the world, and leave their wives and many thousands of women desolate and unprotected; that this example, set by the United States, would encourage mobs to assault and afflict them as in times past when they were driven from State to State, far out beyond the pale of this Republic; that the President (Hayes) by the advice and consent of the Senate, "appointed Brigham Young, then a practical polygamist, Governor of Utah, they had good reason to believe that the Government would continue to protect them in their religious faith and its practice, and that harsh measures toward the Mormons, such as destruction of families and its institution, would consider the rights, the hearts, and the confidence of the women to be affected by such legislation, and that it will consider the permanent care and welfare of children as the sure foundation of the State."

NOTES FROM WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, Jan 23, 1879.

The subscriptions to the 4 per cent. loan since yesterday's report have amounted to $9,069,600.

The following-named national banks were to-day designated as depositories of public moneys to receive deposits on account of subscriptions to the 4 per cent. funded loan: Dover Plains National Bank, at Dover Plains, N. Y.; National Iron Bank, at Falls Village, Conn.; Hocking Valley National Bank, at Lancaster, Ohio.

The Secretary of the Treasury has addressed a communication to the Committee on Commerce of the Senate and the Committee of Ways and Means of the House, requesting that the petition to Congress of A. T. Stewart & Co., of New-York, that an investigation be made into the alleged cases be granted, and that the investigation be made as soon as practicable.

The joint commission on the transfer of the Indian Bureau, which was to have met to-day, postponed their session on account of the absence from the city of Senator Oglesby, and the illness of Judge Boone, who has an attack of rheumatism. A meeting will be held on Saturday, and, in all probability, the question of transfer, so far as the commission is concerned, will at that time be disposed of.

The receipts from internal revenue to-day were $316,122 38, and from Customs $448,929 14.

The Census bill reported in the Senate to-day by Mr. Morrill, in behalf of the Committee on the Census, is substantially the bill introduced in the House by Mr. Cox, of New-York, with the exception that it provides for the appointment of Supervisors by the Secretary of the Interior and appropriates $250,000 for preliminary expenses instead of $3,000,000 for the expenses of the entire census. It also contains a clause giving the Superintendent of the Census authority to employ special agents to examine the Indians not taxed, with such information as to their condition as may be obtainable. The clause which provides for obtaining statistics of corporations is substantially retained.

Representative Finley, of Ohio, has submitted to the House Committee on Public Expenditures his report with reference to the investigation of the Government Printing Office, which has been in progress for some time. After charging general extravagance in the management of the department, Mr. Finley recommends the abolition of the printing office, and that the printing of the Government be let out by contract to the lowest bidder. The report proposes that only the Congressional Record, and bills offered in either House of Congress, be printed in Washington. It is understood that there are only one or two members of the committee who will give the report their support, on the ground that in the event of its adoption all the printing would necessarily go out of the city, and three green Democrats would follow among those now employed in that office.

THE LATEST FOREIGN NEWS.

EUROPE'S EASTERN PROBLEMS.

THE BRITISH ADVANCE IN AFGHANISTAN ORDERED TO BE STOPPED—RUSSIA TRYING TO REGAIN A DIRECT INFLUENCE OVER TURKISH AFFAIRS—WHO REALLY RULE BULGARIA!

EDINBURGH, Jan. 23.—The *Scotsman's* London correspondent hears on the highest authority that the Government, because of anxiety to avoid a mishap in Afghanistan during the February snows, sent dispatches to India on Tuesday suggesting that the advance from Kandahar and Jalalabad had better be stopped, and also inquiring in regard to the feasibility of holding Kandahar through the Winter.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan. 23.—This evening Safvet Pasha, the new Ambassador to Paris, has started for his post. It is believed that he was the central figure of an intrigue for the overthrow of Grand Vizier Khireddin Pasha. His departure, therefore, is a victory for the latter. It is believed that several further conferences will be necessary before the definitive treaty between Russia and Turkey can be signed. The Russian wording makes it of superior authority to the treaty of Berlin, thus placing Turkey under the direct influence of Russia. The Turks reject this formula.

TIRNOVA, Jan. 23.—While the name of Prince Alexander, of Battenberg, is in the mouths of the young and noisy members of the Bulgarian Assembly of Notables, which is to elect a ruler for Bulgaria, the older leaders favor Prince Henri of Reuss, formerly German Ambassador to Constantinople, as being a man of greater age and experience, and better fitted to guide the Principality in the earliest and most critical stages of its existence.

LONDON, Jan. 24.—The *Standard's* Vienna correspondent telegraphs as follows: "Rustchuk advices report that a motion will be passed in the Bulgarian Assembly to postpone the election of a Prince to rule over the Province until Bulgaria and Roumelia have been invited."

GERMANY'S AFFAIRS OF STATE.

ACTION OF THE PRUSSIAN DIET IN OPPOSITION TO THE PARLIAMENTARY DISCIPLINE BILL—INCOME AND CLASS TAXES IN THE EMPIRE.

BERLIN, Jan. 23.—The lower house of the Prussian Diet to-day discussed a motion introduced by Deputy Hoerenman, an Ultramontane, calling upon the Prussian Ministry to instruct its representatives in the Federal Council to oppose the Parliamentary Discipline bill. A motion made by the Conservatives to pass to the order of the day was rejected by a vote of 299 to 62. Herr Hoerenman's motion was also rejected, but one of similar tendency, introduced by the National Liberals and Progressists, was adopted, to the effect that existing guarantees of liberty of speech and the independent standing of regulations relative to parliamentary business and discipline, constitute the essential basis of both the Prussian and Imperial Constitutions, and that, relative to the bill now before the Federal Council, the protection of constitutional rights can safely be left to the Reichstag itself. During the debate Count Stolberg-Wernigerode, the Representative of the Imperial Chancellor, declared that the Diet was incompetent to interfere in a matter which was before the Federal Council. The Government, therefore, declined to enter into any discussion of the subject. The Ultramontanes, however, intended to persist in regard thereto.

At Tuesday's sitting of the Prussian Budget Committee the Minister of Finance declared in his own name, though not on behalf of the Ministry of State, that until a new source of revenue from indirect taxation was created in Germany, and until it was ascertained what portion of the surplus could be transferred to the individual States, it would be useless to discuss the question of income and class taxes, as any reform of the present system of taxation would be impossible. As soon as the matricular contribution of Prussia to the Empire decreased, owing to the imposition of new imperial taxes, or any surplus in the imperial revenue arising from new sources of income fell to the share of Prussia, the class and income taxes should be remitted to that amount for the year in question.

The German Army estimates show an increase of 30,000 men.

FRENCH POLITICS.

COMPLETE AMNESTY TO BE URGED BY THE RADICALS—M. DU BORT'S RESIGNATION—PROPOSED REVISION OF THE CHAMBER IN PARIS.

PARIS, Jan. 23.—It is asserted that the Radicals will introduce motions in favor of complete amnesty to-morrow, and will introduce bills relative to freedom of the press and the right of public meeting in a short time.

Rentes rose in price to-day upon a rumor that an interpellation would be addressed to M. Léon Say, Minister of Finance, in the Chamber of Deputies, in regard to the conversion of the 5 per cent. rentes, and that he would reply that he considered such conversion inopportune in the present circumstances, and impossible for a long time to come.

VERSAILLES, Jan. 23.—M. Say presented the budget for 1880 in the Chamber of Deputies this afternoon.

In the Chamber of Deputies to-day, M. Laroche-Joubert proposed that the Chamber meet in Paris until the weather becomes milder. The question was left undecided. It is asserted that M. Grévy, President of the Chamber, is not in favor of the proposition.

LONDON, Jan. 23.—The *Pall Mall Gazette* says: "M. Teisserenc de Bort's resignation of the Ministry of Agriculture and Commerce may be regarded as proof that French public opinion disapproves of the reactionary Customs policy foreshadowed by his denunciation of the treaties of commerce. We may now reasonably hope for a liberal and economic policy on the part of France.

LONDON, Jan. 24.—A Paris dispatch to the *Times* says: "The motion made by Deputy Laroche-Joubert yesterday, that the Chamber meet in Paris, was dropped as unconstitutional."

Articles in the *République Française* show M. Gambetta's continued hostility to the Cabinet.

The *Standard's* correspondent at Paris says there are indications that Gambetta will support the motion for a general amnesty, whereby he would sustain a Parliamentary defeat, but regain all his outside popularity.

WHAT A SEA CAPTAIN SAW.

A SHIP ON FIRE WITH A STEAMER ALONGSIDE—A WARNING NOT TO SAY ANYTHING ABOUT THE MATTER.

LONDON, Jan. 23.—The Captain of a ship recently arrived at Queenstown writes to Lloyds that he saw, 50 miles west of Fastnet, on the 16th inst., a steamer alongside of a burning wreck. The steamer ordered him to keep on his course and say nothing about the affair, under the penalty of being also burned. The steamer had not the appearance of being a merchantman or man-of-war. She had 150 or 200 men on board, apparently English.

SEVERE WEATHER IN EUROPE.

COLD AND SUFFERING IN GREAT BRITAIN—VIOLENT SNOW-STORMS IN RUSSIA.

LONDON, Jan. 23.—Severe cold weather prevails, and much suffering and destitution are reported in all parts of Great Britain.

Violent snow-storms have occurred during the past three days in Ukraine, blocking the Kharkov and Azov, and Poltava and Sozmy, and other railways. Seven thousand workmen are engaged in clearing the lines of communication between Moscow and Sebastopol, which are greatly impeded.

Lloyds dispatch from Antwerp, dated yesterday, says: "The ice in the Roedt and the river has considerably increased since yesterday. A boat coming in was crushed, and eight men were drowned."

A dispatch to Lloyds from Heligoland, dated to-day, says: "The Elbe is blocked with ice, and steamers are unable to force an entrance."

CURRENT FOREIGN TOPICS.

THE SPANISH FLAG OUTRAGED—THE VATICAN AND THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT—GEN. GRANT SAILS FOR INDIA—UNITED STATES FOUR PER CENT. BONDS IN ENGLAND.

LONDON, Jan. 23.—Alexander Carnegie, merchant, at No. 16 Bishopsgate-street Within, E. C., has failed. His liabilities are £150,000.

MADRID, Jan. 23.—The Spanish Vice-Consul at Puerto Plata, San Domingo, has been dismissed for sanctioning the arrest of two insurgent Generals who had taken refuge on board a Spanish steamer, and were afterward shot. The Spanish Government has demanded satisfaction from San Domingo for outraging the protection of its flag.

ROME, Jan. 23.—The Vatican will shortly take steps to re-establish relations with the Mexican Government. Should the negotiations prove unsuccessful, the wants of the Mexican Church will be supplied in the best manner possible without the intervention of the Government. The question of the possibility and expediency of rendering the Catholic Church in England directly dependant upon the Pope, instead of upon the Congregation Propaganda Fide, is still under consideration.

In the Senate to-day, the Minister of Worship, in the course of debate said that since the accession of Pope Leo, when the tone became elevated language, certain concessions had become easier. The Government would pursue a policy of moderation and endeavor to smooth the difficulties relative to the appointments to Sees in the royal patronage, while upholding the rights of the Crown.

BRUSSELS, Jan. 23.—Count Lengrand-Dumonceau, who is supposed to have fled to America, has been sentenced in contumacious to 15 years' imprisonment for fraud and forgery.

MARSEILLES, Jan. 23.—Ex-President Grant and family embarked to-day on board the French mail steamer Labourdonnais for India.

PARIS, Jan. 23.—A telegram from the Governor of the French colony of New-Caledonia says that the movable columns of troops had cooped up the insurgents on the shore of Cape Goulvain, which they captured, after a rather warm engagement in which a sub-Lieutenant and a private soldier were killed.

LONDON, Jan. 24.—The *Standard's* Madrid correspondent hears that Captain-General Campos will be recalled from Cuba before the assembling of the new Cortes, he having expressed willingness to become Minister of War after the completion of the Havana elections.

The *Times*, in its financial article this morning, says: "On account of the dearth of good investments, people are beginning to look toward the United States 4 per cent. bonds. We believe the syndicate has already sold to jobbers and others here a considerable portion of the amount it has just contracted for."

Mr. Ruskin, the art critic, has withdrawn his resignation of the Slade Professorship.

SLAUGHTERING THE CHEYENNES.

THE INDIANS DETERMINED TO DIE RATHER THAN SURRENDER.—DETAILS OF THE FIGHTING.

FORT ROBINSON, Neb., Jan. 23.—Couriers arrived this morning confirming the news received late last night, of the battle between Capt. Wessells' command, consisting of four companies of the Third Cavalry, and the escaped Cheyennes, yesterday morning. Trails were discovered leading in the direction of the large range of hills about 18 miles north-west of Hat Creek, a distance of 45 miles from this post, and were followed by Capt. Wessells until he was within three miles of the hills, where he halted and formed skirmish line. All four companies were deployed as skirmishers, Company F, Lieut. Baxter, moving from the south to the north-east side, Company H, Capt. Wessells, directly opposite, Company E, Capt. Lawson, closed in at the mouth of the ravine, where the Indians had intrenched themselves, and Company A moved to their rear, thus hemming them in on all sides, leaving an opening of one mile. The Indians had placed themselves in a deep washout, keeping under cover. As soon as the skirmishers were within 150 yards of the savages' stronghold, the latter opened fire, killing Sergt. Taggart and Privates Brown and Nelson, of Company A, and dangerously, if not fatally, wounding Private Dobbins, of Company H. Notwithstanding the deadful volley poured into the troops, they steadily advanced, and when within 25 yards of the savages' position, fire was opened on all sides with terrible effect. At this moment Capt. Wessells, leading his company and loudly cheering them forward, received a slight scalp wound from a pistol in the hands of one of the Cheyennes, rendering him completely insensible. Lieut. Chase, of Company A, seeing the commanding officer fall, rushed forward instantly, seized Capt. Wessells and carried him beyond the range of the enemy's fire. Then dashing at the head of his own company, he led the men to the very edge of the washout, where they fought the enemy with unabated fury. Meanwhile, Capt. Wessells, having regained consciousness, again came to the front, and seeing the ground strewn with the dead bodies of the savages, implored his men to cease firing, with the intention of getting the remaining Cheyennes to surrender, but the latter stubbornly refused, and rushed at the troops with formidable hunting knives, having expended all their ammunition. They seemed determined not to surrender, but before they had advanced many paces a volley was fired by the troops, killing most of the Indians. Companies F and E were in fact positions to accomplish much, while Col. Evans, with B and D Companies, remained on the opposite bluff from where Capt. Wessells started, and, not knowing the position of Wessells' command, arrived too late for action.

At the cessation of the firing the dead bodies of 23 Indians were found in the ravine occupied by them. This number included 17 warriors, four squaws, and two papooses. Nine remained, of whom one warrior and five squaws were more or less wounded, and three squaws were unhurt. Of the troops only the three already mentioned were killed, and Capt. Wessells and one private of his company wounded. The latter cannot live. Ambulances left here at an early hour this morning to bring in the dead and wounded, and are now moving back slowly. They are expected here with the troops to-morrow afternoon.

RENO AT THE CUSTER MASSACRE.

THE TESTIMONY YESTERDAY—WHITTAKER PROPOSES TO TAKE THE CASE BEFORE THE SENATE.

CHICAGO, Jan. 23.—From the evidence of Lieut. Varnum in the Reno inquiry to-day, it was gathered that Gen. Custer must have kept himself informed and known that Reno's men were standing on the defensive. It was the witness' idea at the time that Custer had either been outnumbered like Reno or had gone down the river to join Terry, who was coming up.

Dr. R. H. Porter, who was Acting Assistant Surgeon under Custer, and was with Reno's battalion, was next put on the stand. From his testimony it seems that he also expected the Custer battalion expected to support Reno. The Adjutant had told Reno that Custer was coming along when Benteen was seen approaching after Reno had got to the hill. The men supposed at first that it was Custer coming to their relief.

Frederick Whittaker, of Mount Vernon, N. Y., who makes the charges of cowardice against Major Reno, which are now being investigated, arrived here last night to give his testimony. He says he has come to Chicago "solely in the hope of securing justice for the memory of Gen. Custer, by bringing to light the whole truth about the battle of the Little Big Horn and the campaign in which the General met his death. Since I have been here I have become satisfied that the scope of the present inquiry and the orders by which the court is limited are too narrow to insure the revelation of all the facts bearing on the question of who is responsible for the Custer disaster. I have, therefore, made application for a further and fuller investigation in the highest tribunal of the country—the Senate of the United States—and private letters from Washington assure me that this application will, in all probability, soon be granted." Mr. Whittaker has heretofore publicly charged Gen. Benteen with a deliberate neglect of orders on that day, in that he did not move more quickly to Custer's support as ordered. He now says he is satisfied that Benteen is wholly blameless for the disaster of the Little Big Horn. He makes this correction in justice to the living and the dead.

ELECTION FRAUDS IN FLORIDA.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Jan. 23.—In the United States Circuit Court to-day, Judge Settle sentenced the Brevard County Canvassing Board, convicted of making a false return of the election, Lee, the County Clerk, was sentenced to three years, and Wright and Johns, Sheriff and Justice, respectively, to one year each in the Albany Penitentiary. Lee is also a State Senator from Brevard County. All other election cases have been continued to the May term of court.

SOUTH CAROLINA'S RULERS.

TESTIMONY OF WHITE AND COLORED REPUBLICANS AS TO INTIMIDATION AND BALLOT-BOX STUFFING.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Jan. 23.—The first witness before the Teller committee to-day was G. G. Hayne, a colored Republican, who testified to the beating of Freeman, the stuffing of ballot-boxes at the Palmetto Engine-house, and the rejection of colored voters in the Eighth Ward.

J. J. Young, a colored Republican, who was Supervisor at the Thirty-two Mile House poll, testified that when the ballot-box was opened an excess of 341 ballots was found, all of which were Democratic tissue tickets; the surplus votes were drawn out, and all but five were Republican votes. The witness saw only two tissue tickets voted. He testified that tissue tickets had been used by the Republicans at primary elections in Charleston years ago.

Samuel Lee, a colored Republican, from Sumter, testified that early in the canvass, at a precinct meeting at Swimming Pond, he was given notice that no organization of the Republican Party would be allowed there; the witness persisted, and 20 armed white men threatened to shoot him, and then rode off. He described the interference of the Democrats with the Republican Convention at Sumter, when a there was a disturbance, but nobody was hurt. He next described the Rafting Creek meeting, where the Democrats instead of being heard, and told him that if he did not call the meeting to order he would be taken back to Sumter; he was knocked down, taken in a buggy to Sumter, and told that if he would not promise not to call another Republican meeting in the county he would be killed. At the Hampton meeting he was ill-treated for asking Gov. Hampton a question, but Hampton rescued him. The meeting on Oct. 12 was described at length, the witness claiming that the Democrats had cannon to intimidate the negroes, and that one of the guns was loaded with ten-penny nails; the election was quiet, but there were 215 names more on the Democratic poll list than there were on the list kept by the witnesses. These votes, he claimed, were tissue tickets which had been voted in the large Democratic ballots; the extra names on the list he was told were taken from the Auditor's books. On cross-examination the witness testified that he was a candidate for Congress in opposition to the regular Republican ticket in 1874, and during the canvass had charged the Republicans with fraud, corruption, and intimidating the negroes; he admitted that he was not present at the meeting of Oct. 12, and that leaded axvils were often fired off to make a noise at political meetings; he knew that it had been proposed to hold a joint meeting on Oct. 12.

J. H. Stewart, colored, a school-teacher, was called, and corroborated the testimony of Lee as to the Rafting Creek meeting, the meeting on Oct. 12, and the fraudulent voting at the election with tissue tickets. On cross-examination he admitted that both he and Lee had made speeches at Rafting Creek without interruption, and that it was known before Oct. 12 that a Democratic meeting was to be held at Sumter on that day; the Democratic meeting was held at the depot, some distance from the Republican meeting; he heard no shots fired during the day; he heard that leading Democrats did their best to prevent a difficulty.

T. J. Cochran, white, Republican, age 76, was called. He spoke at the Republican meeting on Oct. 12; he never recognized Hampton as Governor, and considered him an imbecile; after the meeting he called the Republicans together at the Court-house to keep them out of trouble; the Democrats threatened to kill him; some "Red Shirts" approached him and he drew his pistol and bade them keep off. The witness corroborated the testimony of Lee and Stewart as to the election.

At the invitation of Collector Baldwin the Teller committee this afternoon visited the public schooner at Charleston Harbor on the revenue cutter Mocanche. The members disembarked at Fort Sumter, and attentively examined the plan and site of the national jetties now in process of construction, with which it was evident they were favorably impressed.

PENNSYLVANIA ADMINISTRATION.

A COMPLIMENT TO EX-GOV. HARTRANFT—A WILD THROAT AS TO THE CAUSE OF THE DELAY IN APPOINTING THE NEW CABINET.

HARRISBURG, Jan. 23.—Gov. Hoyt to-day appointed ex-Gov. Hartranft to be Major-General of the National Guard. Upon the official announcement of the appointment in the Senate, that body went into executive session, and unanimously confirmed it. This is an unusual compliment, and must be gratifying to the distinguished soldier thus honored, as, under the rule, executive appointments must lie over, and a single objection would have prevented the suspension of the rule. Speaker Long to-day announced the standing committees of the House. These of the Senate were announced yesterday, so that both branches are fully organized for the serious business of the session.

Gov. Hoyt has not yet announced the names of his Secretary of State and Attorney-General, and it is stated that he will not do so before Monday. Much interest is felt in political circles in the State, although the long delay has served to abate somewhat public interest in the matter. It is stated on excellent authority that the first tender of the Secretaryship was made to Gen. James A. Beaver, of Bellefon

stated him in everything he said; I was called by Mr. Gibson.

Q—Before you were examined, did Mr. Stenger—Witness (interrupting)—No, Sir, Mr. Stenger.

Q—Before you were examined, did Mr. Stenger tell you what Dulu was saying was true? A—No, Sir; nobody did; of course, I knew it was true, although I contradicted it; I never knew anything of this business before I went on the stand; when I had been examined $450 was handed to me in a piece of paper; I took it then, but returned it afterward to Mr. Gibson and Mr. Weber; I told them I was going to expose them, and Mr. Weber tried to "fix me" to go before the committee at Atlantic City, but I refused.

Q—Your affidavit says that you were instructed by Mr. Stenger to report "not found" when you had any other name to swear upon Sergeant-at-Arms? A—It was not Mr. Stenger, but Mr. Meddaugh; it is a mistake, and I altered it as soon as I saw it in the newspapers.

The witness then stated how, when acting as Sergeant-at-Arms of the committee, he had returned 12 or 13 subpœnas, with the report, "not found;" he did so on instructions from Mr. Maddox; in all those cases they were witnesses who were found; Hogan, or whom he was unable to "fix up" to testify as Maddox desired.

The witness was next examined with regard to the telegrams sent in his name to Carter and Gibson. Weber, he said, told him that Gibson and Maddox had promised him $150,000 to assist and guarantee that his bill, defeating an Executive member of the West Feliciana School Board should be repealed. The telegrams in witness' name were signed by him for Weber, who promised to hold himself responsible for everything that occurred.

Q—And you were sent for to expose himself over the country? A—Yes; he knew that I would say before the committee, and thought that by getting me to write those telegrams he would break me down; I do not know that they were entitled about my making the statement that Gibson had bought me, but I know that neither Weber nor Maddox had $50 Gibson would have to make an oath to that; they could get $50 or $60 from them at any time; they kept me all the time and paid my board bills.

Q—After signing those telegrams for Weber, asking for money, did you never send any similar requests for yourself? A—No; I did not want anything of that sort; I had enough of them $450 before that.

Q—Was all the telegrams placed in the envelope with your affidavit? A—All except one, which was from Gibson; he telegraphed me that he was not to be forced into buying testimony by threats or blackmailing; that was in answer to a telegram from Weber calling him a rascal and a scoundrel, and stating that he ought to be put in the Penitentiary.

Q—Now, tell us why did it strike you that you had been doing wrong by giving such evidence as that laid by you before this committee? A—When Gov. Cox was examining me; he gave me a pretty close examination, and if he had kept on a bit longer he would have found it all out; that satisfied me that I should not go to go on the stand any more.

Q—Do you suppose you had been able to fool particular acquaintances of yours, Gov. Cox, for instance, had you come to that opinion? A—Yes, Sir, I should; I saw that when on the stand it is very easy to tell the truth, but not very easy to stick to a lie.

Q—Then Gov. Cox got the best of you? A—No, I think I kept even with him; yes would not go on the stand if you knew what I know about the business? (Sensation.) I think it is a mean thing for the stand to testify to anything, why, if he goes into lying, he must lie right through; otherwise he should not be alone.

Q—Now, if you wanted to expose this lying, why did you not write about it to somebody—to John Sherman or anybody else? A—I did write to Mr. Morris in New-Orleans trying to persuade Mr. Morris Marks to take your statement? A—Well, Sir, I don't know; I want nothing but what is straight; if I have done anything that is not straight, I should like it to be shown up; I have got as clear a conscience as any man around this table. (Laughter.)

Q—Now, you have been paid by Maddox and Carter that you had perjured yourself for them, and would not do it any more, and they discharged you. A—I was discharged, but cannot say that was the reason.

Q—And after that they paid you $25 to $50 to keep you still? A—Yes, they did; they did not think that I would expose their office all.

Q—You received $450 to swear one to the end thereof; you do the swearing, but return the money. Then you tell them you are going to expose them. What do you get for that? A—Nothing, Sir.

Q—You do it for conscience sake. When you came here did you enter into conversation with anybody or be being told? A—No, Sir; I have not thought of such a thing; I do not remember going to a gentleman's room and saying I was out of money; that the Republicans were playing with me, and that I was not to be played with unless something was done for me; that if they did not help me I should contradict my affidavit. No, Sir. The best way on the other leg. Somebody came to me and said that Maddox; I have not received a cent since I came here, and have not complained about it.

Mr. Potter then cross-examined him upon the evidence tendered by the witness at New-Orleans, asking the questions almost seriatim as they stood, and requesting the witness to point out those which were false. The general tenor of his evidence was that as declared by St. Martin to be entirely false, and given on instigation of Gibson and Maddox. This part of the examination was not concluded when Gen. Butler suggested that the examination should be adjourned. The remainder of the sitting was passed in secret session.

MANSLAUGHTER IN THE FOURTH DEGREE.

On the evening of Dec. 18 Frederick Feist and Philip Schlopp, both butchers, met in Schroeder's beer-saloon, No. 133 Division-street, and drank pretty freely. Schlopp became annoyed at Feist's neglect in not asking him to join him in a drink, and asked if he was not to be treated. Feist made no reply, but finished his drink and left the place, returning to his work in the provision store at Nos. 135 and 137 Division-street. Thither he was followed by Schlopp, who, in his drunken rage, sought satisfaction for the insult which he supposed had been offered him. While Feist was engaged in arranging brands from a provision barrel, Schlopp stole behind him and pushed him over. Feist recovered himself swiftly and wrested his assailant to detail. Schlopp declared to take the timely advice, but staggered toward Feist as if about to strike him. Thereupon Feist struck him on the head with the wooden hammer he had in his hand, felling him to the ground and inflicting a wound from the effects of which Schlopp subsequently died in the New-York Hospital. Feist was arrested, and was placed on trial for homicide by Assistant District Attorney Lyon, in General Sessions, yesterday. The jury found the prisoner guilty of manslaughter in the second degree, with a recommendation to mercy, and Judge Gildersleeve, in view of the palliating circumstances in the case, imposed the mitigated penalty of one year in the Penitentiary.

PROF. NEWBERRY ON GOLD AND SILVER.

Prof. J. S. Newberry, of the School of Mines of Columbia College, delivered last evening in Steinway Hall, the fifth lecture of the present course before the Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen. He took for his subject "Gold and Silver in the Past and Future," and pointed out the gold and silver districts of this continent upon a large canvas map. The Professor reviewed the history of gold and silver from the time of primitive man to the present, and gave some information regarding the various means of discovering the precious metals, and of extracting them. He believed that the quantity will not decrease, for new fields will undoubtedly be discovered in Africa which will replace those of this country when the latter have been worked out. After his lecture, Prof. Newberry gave some interesting magic-lantern views of gold mining in California. It was announced that the next lecture of the course will be delivered Feb. 6 in the same hall by William Allen Butler, who will speak on "Our Great Metropolis; Its Growth, Mismanagement, and Needs." Tickets can be obtained from members of the society without charge.

CHARGED WITH FALSE PRETENSES.

Detectives Eatrus and Ferris, of the Central Office, yesterday arrested William A. Ellis, who is charged with having swindled a leather firm in Texas out of $4,000 worth of hides by fraudulent representations. He obtained, it is alleged, by means of a forged order, the goods from Hollis & Abbot, commission merchants, of No. 110 Pearl-street, agents for the owners of the hides, who live in Dallas, Texas. The arrest was made on a dispatch from the Sheriff of Dallas, Texas, received by Superintendent Walling several days ago, which stated that Ellis had been indicted by the Grand Jury for false pretenses. Ellis was brought to the Central Office, where he was locked up. He sent for a lawyer, and was allowed to have a long interview with him. During the afternoon he was arraigned at the Tombs Police Court and remanded until to-morrow.

ASSAULT ON THE HIGH SEAS.

Antonio N. I. Peres and John Shaw were fellow-passengers on the steam-ship City of Rio de Janeiro, on the voyage from Brazil to this port, in December last. On Dec. 19 the steamer was lying in the harbor of St. Thomas, and Peres and Shaw concluded to visit the town while the ship was coaling and taking in cargo. They quarreled while ashore in respect to the payment of the fare of the negro boatman who took them from the ship to the town. On their return to the ship the quarrel was renewed, and Shaw says that Peres threatened to use his knife, inflicting serious injury to that organ, and likely to injure the other eye through sympathy. Yesterday Peres was arrested on a charge of assault on the high seas. He was taken before United States Commissioner Shields, who held him to bail in the sum of $500 to appear for examination.

MARINE NOTES.

Capt. Russell, of the schooner R. L. Russell, which arrived from Jacksonville yesterday, reports that at 9 o'clock Tuesday evening last he struck what was supposed to be a sunken wreck. He was then sailing in 10 fathoms of water, between Cape May and Cape Henlopen, but, although his vessel struck heavily, she was not materially injured.

The ship L. L. Sturges, which arrived from London yesterday, passed the schooner Ada L. of Hatteras on Jan. 17. That vessel had lost her main boom, but was making the best of her way to the northward.

MURDER IN THE FOURTH WARD.

Henry Madden, a sailor, was instantly killed at 12 o'clock last night in the drinking-saloon No. 13 Oliver-street, by John Smith, the keeper of the place. Madden was quarreling just before he was killed. Smithers footed up in the Fourth Precinct Station-house.

A GLANCE OVER EUROPE.

THE BURNING QUESTIONS OF THE DAY.

BELOW THE SURFACE OF AFGHAN AFFAIRS—A FEW ERRORS CORRECTED—THE LITTLE TROUBLE IN TUNIS—VARIOUS VIEWS OF THE FRENCH SITUATION—AGITATIONS IN ITALY.

From Our Own Correspondent.

PARIS, Wednesday, Jan. 8, 1879.

My letters must of necessity be pieces of patch-work, as there is no coherence, even indirectly, between any of the questions now agitating the European world, whose barometer is the Stock Exchanges and the Paris Houses. First in order comes Afghanistan, but as it is probable that this Old World will be henceforth indebted to American enterprise for all light upon the mysterious doings north of the Hindu Kush, I shall do little more than call attention to the fact of having ventured three months ago to express opinions of the situation absolutely identical with those ascribed by the *Herald's* correspondent to the Governor of Tashkend. The British press is indignant that Gen. Kaufman should presume even to hint at the possibility of a repulse of the Anglo-Indian forces, but forgets that, although it spends a vast deal of money on its reporters, these gentlemen may be prevented, either by staff regulations or by reasons of policy, in other words, by a natural desire to be on good terms at head-quarters, from telling the truth when this truth is not flattering to the national vanity; and that, among the strong contingent of literary Manchukos, there is not one who is capable of appreciating the value, or even of describing intelligently, any military operation. The idea that important information might possibly be gleaned elsewhere than within the British lines was scouted by those who asserted that "all the fighting would be along the British front," not reflecting that to have a "British front" at all, there must be a corresponding "Afghan front," behind which events of extreme gravity might pass. Then, too, there was a false idea about Russia's unwillingness to allow communications to be forwarded through her channels, entirely ignoring the complaisance shown in Bulgaria, where long chronicles of Russian defeats, with all the ill-natured commentaries and prognostics of philo-Turkish reporters were never interfered with until one individual violated his pledge and brought down suspicion upon the entire clan. Nobody cares at St. Petersburg whether Afghanistan be or be not speedily conquered by the English, and Russia is not likely to raise a hand in favor of the fugitive Shere Ali, if so be that he is a fugitive. She has attained her object, which was simply the creation of a state of affairs such that, without spending a ruble or firing a shot, she has made it impossible for England to detach a single regiment of her Anglo-Indian Army to take part in any future conflict on European soil.

John Bull is slow in his awakening from his dreams, but, when he does find out a deception, he gives full vent to his wrath, first against those who caused, and then against those who have kept him in ignorance of, his disasters or his failures. Just now he can only nurse himself into the belief of victory upon the faith of official dispatches of the nature of that native officer's report announcing the utter collapse of Afghan resistance and the decomposition of the Afghan forces. But Yakoob Khan's arrival at Jalalabad was also officially proclaimed some weeks ago, although, since then, this distinguished foreigner has never been seen, either there or at any other British outpost. Official, too, were Lord Lytton's telegrams, reproduced in the Blue Book, when Gen. Abramoff was confounded with the Russian Envoy of Kabul, a mistake afterward corrected by the Viceroy, upon representations made from St. Petersburg. In short, the Anglo-Indian Government can get no direct information, and it is forced to rely upon "intelligent contrabands," who feel that, if they want to keep their employment and be well paid for it, they must try to please their employers by always bringing in good news and glad tidings of great joy to those who are heartily sick of the whole business. The Tashkend dispatch and some private information, which, if not obtained at the fountain head, is not altogether unworthy of credence, lead me to consider Major Cholam's account of the affair as unusually inaccurate. The Ameer has not, it seems, been driven from his capital by any revolution, as was pretended, but has gone to Russia to solicit her protection, after relenting Yakoob Khan, for whose sequestration there no longer exists any pretext since the death of Shere Ali's favorite son, to whom he desired to leave the Afghan sceptre. And in the matter of the treasure said to be carried away, in one part of the dispatch, and to be still in Kabul, in another, the Viceroy's agent is contradictory, while he is altogether at sea about its value, which is known to be of 7 crons, not of 70 lacs, of rupees, just 10 times as great as has been officially stated, or, in our money, about $35,000,000; quite enough, if judiciously expended, to buy up every native soldier in the British ranks. However, it is quite unnecessary for me to continue to write about these Asiatic affairs, about which Americans, if so all interested therein, will be posted far better than any one here, until they have entirely passed into the domain of ancient history.

The Bey of Tunis manifests an intention to eat humble pie, and offers to send one of his Aides-de-Camp to Paris with explanations, but is informed that this satisfaction is insufficient, nothing being considered acceptable except excuses to the French Consul-General, the dismissal of three functionaries implicated in the trespass on M. De Sancy's property, and an international examination of the questions on which the Tunisian authorities and the aforesaid Sancy are at variance. The note to this effect communicated by M. Waddington is threatening, but, although two or three frigates are anchored in the Tunisian harbor, or rather because they are anchored there, no powder will be burned on this occasion. This is not the first time that the Sancy connection has given trouble. It was originally granted to a kind of joint-stock company composed of the present titulary, Lieut. Bonaparte Wyse, a brother of the notorious Mme. De Solms, and one of our own countrywomen—Mrs. Lorillard Ronalds—whose success in the official world of 1867 was so brilliant. The first fruits of the enterprise—the establishment of a stud for crossing English and African breeds of horses—were very encouraging, but the partners quarreled on a question of administration, only settled in 1874 by a decision of the Supreme Court of Aix, which has jurisdiction in all cases arising from dispute between Frenchmen in the Barbary States and the Levant. Mrs. Ronalds and Count De Sancy were then confirmed in their rights for a term of 99 years, and, although columns have been written on the subject of the present aggressive interference, no one has even attempted to assign its cause.

Far more interesting is the question of the lately-settled Senatorial elections, about which the British press is disposed to be congratulatory, and the German press to be ominously silent. That across the channel people should be satisfied with a result whose consequences may be to put a rival manufacturer in coventry is quite natural, but there is much disappointment because the German colossus elects to be reticent until the foreign policy of the new régime and its possible influence upon German institutions shall have been developed. Only the *Gazette de l'Allemagne du Nord* deigns to express an opinion, adding to this what may be called by him who can and will read between the lines, a word of caution and advice. The French Republic is informed that it has reached its apogee, and that it may succeed in maintaining its position, provided its directing principles remain in conformity with the reserve and moderation lately professed by M. Gambetta, and that it bear in mind how much the consolidation of republican institutions owes to foreign benevolence. "Let us hope," continues the Berlin journal, "that this splendid victory won by the Republicans will not make them forget that the Empire did not keep its promises of peace, also set forth in its initial programme, and that the constant agitation concerning Alsace and Lorraine is beginning to direct attention to the imperial court, where the personal tone of certain articles in the *Moniteur* is not viewed with satisfaction." Of the composition of French Parliament Hall can be said; all the so-called liberal organs are joyful or disparagingly accusing of their colors—the *Journal des Débats*, the *Temps*, and the *Siècle* using Francois continuing to recommend only dignified exultation, while the *Rappel* and others of the same stamp are disposed to be insolently threatening to the vanquished, foreshadowing such general ostracism and such sweeping-of-radical reforms that decent people, if timorous, will commence to set their houses in order, so as to be able to take up their residence in foreign parts at 24 hours' notice. The Conservative papers differ widely in their utterances, and although these have no real influence on the masses, with whom alone now lies the solution of the coming "difficulties," it may be interesting to note that the *Français*, the *Gazette de France*, and the *Patrie* consider the 5th January as the 1st inauguration of an era of social disorder and anarchy," while the *Soleil*, the *Liberté*, the *Constitutionnel*, and the *Moniteur* content themselves with the reflection that the chosen candidates are not Extremists; that, perhaps, after all, life and property may not be in any imminent peril, and that, in any case, nothing can be done but wait and wait, until their adversaries, by mistakes and excesses, shall lose the confidence of the nation. This may, perchance, be a weary business, particularly as all parties, when in power, so watch upon electors that an adverse vote is not readily obtained, and if the Republic ever should come to grief its destroyers will be only the Republicans. The uncertainty of what will come afterward, if the Republic should fall, is her great safeguard, and may consolidate her institutions into a definite vitality, should her supporters not go wild and abuse their victory. Still, to consider the 10,000 votes polled on Sunday as a true gauge of the sympathies of 10,000,000 electors is going too far, when we remember that, since the imperial plebiscite, the nation has never been consulted as to its preferences for any particular form of government.

From letters received from Italy, I am inclined to think that the agitation in favor of the *provincie irredente* is again showing symptoms of eruption, and may yet cause trouble with the Austrians, where not only is there no tenderness felt for their turbulent neighbors, but where now and then is heard a hint that, if one of the two powers has a claim to rectify its frontiers, it is rather the Austrian Empire than the Italian Monarchy. Yet this is only a kind of argumentative safeguard, a defense by an offensive demonstration, as—with the prospect of another Bosnian campaign in the Spring, and the probabilities of a complication with Russia in a more or less distant future—the timesonious Hapsburgs will not seek a quarrel, even with so insignificant an enemy as Italy. The danger, if there be any danger, is in the Peninsula, where the Right, under the leadership of King Humbert, may think it good policy to take the initiative of a revenge-day long being the darling project of the Garibaldi school of patriots. To fight for the Trent and the Tyrol would be a splendid safety-valve for the revolutionary element, but it might be risky, as it would entail a similar movement concerning Nice and Savoy, for which the Cerpers here has been howling and whining alternately ever since their annexation to France. The court of Berlin is responsible for this outbreak in favor of *Italia irredenta*; the occupation of Bosnia and the Herzegovina was displeasing to the Italians, who were temporarily calmed by the assurances of their statesmen that it had only been assented to on certain conditions, and are now indignant because the only compensation offered them is a promise to give guarantees that Italian interests shall not suffer in the Mediterranean nor in the Ægean, whereas, unfortunately, according to the opinion of the Italians, the question of Salonica can not be settled without their consent. They are disposed to sell this at as high a price as possible. It is, however, understood that Turkey is not kindly disposed to Italy, in any solution of this kind, and increase of Austrian influence in the old Turkish Provinces might interfere with her own supremacy in the East, where she proposes to keep a positive monopoly in everything commercial, political, and financial. It is hard to say whether the Oriental-Roumelia difficulty is or is not shortly to be settled. One day the telegraph informs us that the Russians are rapidly evacuating their positions, and on the morrow we learn that they will not budge until Podgoritza be given up to the Montenegrins. As to Greece, no one knows, and certainly no one except M. Waddington cares, whether the frontiers ever be rectified, as no one has the slightest sympathy for either the Greeks or their Mussulman neighbors, but every one wishes that the Areopagus of Berlin were not so much like the Imperial Chambers at the time of the Diet of Westphalia, whose decisions, although supreme, could never find executors.

I think this exhausts my budget of "burning questions," as the press calls them, and that there is nothing left to tell except the renewed adjournment of the lottery drawing, now more or less fixed for the 26th of January, when it is supposed the operators will be sufficiently familiar with the wheels and cylinders, with which the Minister and consorts play every morning for an hour or two, perhaps to see if fraud be possible. Tickets, as I prophesied, have declined in value, and yesterday overstocked speculators sold below par.

FAST TIME IN SAVANNAH.

SAVANNAH, Ga., Jan. 23.—The second day's meeting of the club was very largely attended, and the time in all the races was remarkably fast. The time made in the second heat of the first race is the best on record over this track. The first race—Bonnie venture Stake, for 4-year olds, mile heats, entrance $25, $200 added by the club—had three starters. The first heat was won by Bergamot, Speculation second, Captain Erhard third. Time—1:49½. The second heat was won by Bergamot—with Erhard second and Speculation third—in 1:46¾. The third heat was a dead race between the four. Four started, Egypt winning by a throat-latch, Excelsior second, Governor Hampton third, Leroy fourth. Time—1:46¼. The third race, mile heats, with five entries, but only four started, Bill Dillon being withdrawn on account of not being in condition to run. The first heat was won by Little Bob, with Jim a good second, Hattie F. third, Rappahannock fourth. Time—1:47. In the second heat a splendid start was had and faster time made than in the first heat, Little Bob coming in first, Jim Bell second, Rappahannock third, Hattie F. fourth. Time—1:46¼. The races will close on Saturday.

MRS. COBB'S NEW WITNESS.

WILLIMANTIC, Conn., Jan. 23.—Mrs. Albert T. Baker, of this place, to-day stated to a representative of the New-London Telegram that, in the last of February or first of March, 1878, Charles H. Cobb, Jr., confidentially told her that he was in the habit of taking an essential preparation which a friend, who was a druggist, had prescribed for him. He added that Kate, his wife, did not know he was taking it; if she did know it, it would worry her to death. The friend referred to is believed to be Wesley Bishop, who was formerly a drug clerk. Mr. Chamberlain, of counsel for Mrs. Cobb, received a similar statement from Mrs. Baker, and will make it one of the means for securing a new trial.

FATAL ACCIDENT TO A CORRESPONDENT.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 23.—Horace L. Hyde, brother of William Hyde, managing editor of the St. Louis *Republican*, was run over by a railroad train on the Missouri Pacific Road, near Bonnet's Mill, this morning and instantly killed. Mr. Hyde was a well-known newspaper reporter, and had been connected with most of the journals of this city at different times during several years past. He was the only regular newspaper correspondent with the Yellow Fever Relief Commission on the steamer Chambers, down the Mississippi River, last Summer.

BURIAL OF GEORGE S. HILLARD.

BOSTON, Jan. 23.—The funeral of Hon. George S. Hillard took place from the Church of Our Saviour, (Episcopal,) at Longwood, at 1 o'clock this afternoon. There was a large attendance of friends and relatives. The pall-bearers were Judge Lowell, Hon. Robert C. Winthrop, Dr. Henry J. Bigelow, Hon. Peter W. Chandler, Hon. Henry W. Paine, Hon. Leverett Saltonstall, Hon. Amos A. Lawrence, and J. Henry Hill, of Worcester. The remains were carried to Mount Auburn.

BAYARD TAYLOR'S BEQUESTS.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 23.—The will of the late Bayard Taylor has just been admitted to probate in Chester County. He names John J. Pinkerton and Charles R. Lamborn as Executors. He bequeaths the sword of Schiller, presented to him by William Makepeace Thackeray, to be deposited in Schiller's house in Germany among the other relics of the poet. He leaves his unpublished writings to his wife and George H. Boker, President of the Union League of this city.

FINANCES OF MASSACHUSETTS.

BOSTON, Mass., Jan. 23.—The Auditor has made his annual report on the State finances. The total estimated expenditures are $4,315,650; estimated revenues, $3,990,257 79; estimated deficit, $313,392 21. This is the smallest deficit reported since 1861. The outstanding loans represent $20,495,464 in sterling and $13,525,000 in bonds. The funded debt is as follows: Jan. 1, 1878, $32,290,464; Jan. 1, 1879, $32,020,464; decrease in 1878, $200,000.

FORT MCKINNEY, Jan. 23.—Private Ringer, Company D, Ninth Infantry, was shot and killed by a drunken soldier of the same company on Jan. 18.

THE MID-AIR RAILROADS.

RAPID TRANSIT ON THE EAST SIDE.

COMPLAINTS AND GRIEVANCES AGAINST THE NEW-YORK ELEVATED ROAD—A RESOLUTION IN FAVOR OF THE SECOND-AVENUE LINE.

A meeting of the People's Association of the Twenty-first Assembly District was held last evening in Parepa Hall, Eighty-sixth-street and Third-avenue, for the purpose of receiving the report of the committee appointed at the meeting held two weeks ago to wait upon the officers of the New-York Elevated Railroad Company, in reference to the grievances and complaints of citizens as to its management. H. C. Robinson, Chairman of the committee, read a long report, in which he said that the committee had waited upon the officers of the road and suggested to them the importance of regularity in running trains, and that a large portion of the crowding at the stations arose from its absence; also, the enlargement of the platforms of the cars, the placing of a man to open the rear gate of all trains as they come to the stations, and the feasibility of having passengers enter at the head of the car and leave at the rear, thereby shortening the time consumed in egress and ingress. The committee say they dwelt strongly on the relief to be obtained by transferring the Grand Central passengers at Forty-second-street, thus making the Forty-second-street trains through trains, and the necessity of having heavier engines, so that the steep grades could be overcome more rapidly, and the starting from the stations quickened. They also suggested the desirability of five-cent fares for a longer time morning and evening, together with the absolute necessity for more frequent trains. The Superintendent and Vice-President, they say, went over their suggestions carefully, and in reply said that the irregularity of trains was owing to insufficient terminal facilities, and the width of the platforms is limited by the width of the doors. They admitted the advantages of stronger engines, and said that their new ones would be 3,000 pounds heavier than those now in use. They have carefully considered the subject of running short trains to Forty-second-street, and decided that it was not feasible to do so. They had also decided to extend the time for selling five-cent tickets, to put a third car on the Forty-second-street train, and give through passengers an opportunity to transfer at Thirty-fourth-street, thus increasing the carrying capacity of every third train one-third, and to that extent relieve the pressure. The number of intermediate trains, Eighty-fourth, Fifty-ninth, and Forty-second-streets, was under consideration, and a plan was being elaborated to test the advantages of such a system. More trains will, the officers say, be put upon the road as soon as possible.

In conclusion, the committee say that while they are willing that the Company should be liberally remunerated for their outlay, they demand that in their love of gain they shall not maintain a policy of economy which would deny to the public the accommodation and convenience which the Legislature intended to give. They therefore demand, 1st, that regularity of trains must be established, with, if a Superintendent shall be necessary at each end of the line; second, the Forty-second-street train must be enlarged and made available for through passengers, even if it be necessary to discontinue the use of the street to the Grand Central Depot; third, more trains during the hours of low fares; and, fourth, as the New-York Elevated Road cannot carry all the passengers on the East Side, the speedy completion of the Metropolitan Road on Second-avenue.

An animated discussion followed the reading of the reports. Mr. Andrew Powell urged the importance of 5-cent fares day and night, from the Battery to Harlem, and Mr. H. C. Robinson contended that the question of fares was of minor importance. What is most wanted is a Superintendent who can start trains enough to carry all the passengers who want to ride. At present, when persons get on the platform at Eighty-fourth-street, they did not know whether they were destined to wait for a train five minutes or half an hour. He did not believe these was another railroad between here and San Francisco that would suffer such irregularity in the running of trains as the New-York Elevated had done. In his opinion, the demand should be for regular trains, clean, warm cars, and polite, obliging employes.

After further discussion, a report was adopted unanimously, after which Mr. Robinson introduced a preamble and series of resolutions, asking the Legislature not to pass the bill introduced into the Legislature by Assemblyman Eidman, of the Tenth Assembly District of this City, prohibiting the construction of an elevated railroad on Third-avenue. Another long discussion followed, which was opened by Mr. Miller, who thought property ought not to be taken without compensation. Mr. H. P. Allen contended that the question of compensation for damages was one which could not be computed, and that if such a principle was attempted it would prevent all public improvements in the future. Besides, property was not taken. Mr. H. P. Brooks and Mr. H. C. Robinson followed in the same strain, after which the resolutions were adopted. Mr. Powell wanted a committee appointed to wait upon the officers of the New-York Elevated Road and ask an extension of half an hour or an hour, night and morning, for 5-cent fares. Instead of putting the question, however, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

A BLOCKADE ON THIRD-AVENUE.

An engine No. 63 on the New-York Elevated Railway was on its way down Third-avenue yesterday morning, shortly before 11 o'clock, one of the valves of the cylinder on the right side of the locomotive gave way. The train, consisting of three cars, was then approaching the Fourteenth-street station, and ran by its own momentum to the station and was stopped to take on and let off passengers. The engineer then started the engine again, and for a few minutes there was a fearful twisting of the train, as the machinery of but one side of the locomotive was in working order. The absurd experiment of trying to run a train with 50 passengers on board with a broken engine, was then abandoned. The next train following came up, and the next foolish experiment was to compel this last engine to push the forward train with the broken engine and pull its own train, but this also was found impracticable, owing to the lightness of the locomotive. Some 20 minutes were thus lost, and then attempts were made to repair the broken engine on the track. Meantime the down train, nearly as far back as Forty-second-street, was counted by trains which had run up but were unable to proceed. When the engineer in charge of engine No. 63 announced that it would take at least 30 minutes longer to fix the valve, the passengers of the down train, many of them the passengers, who had engagements on time down town were obliged to descend from the station and take the Third-avenue horse cars to continue their journey. It was upward of half an hour before the train could be moved, and meantime there were hundreds of passengers on the platforms, were blockaded between stations who could not get to the street from the track, and were obliged to wait over until the whole line was moved. Passengers who desired to go further down town, on leaving the Fourteenth-street station, asked for the return of their fares and offered their surrender of the tickets, but the company's agent refused to return the fares on any tickets not purchased at that station.

THE NINTH-AVENUE ROAD.

The General Term of the Supreme Court was occupied yesterday by an action in which both sides were appellants. It was the suit of Frederick P. James against James A. Cowing and the New-York Elevated Railroad Company for the recovery of $22,500, the face value of 45 first mortgage bonds of the defunct West Side Elevated Railway Company. Mr. Cowing, the plaintiff says, was the Trustee of the mortgage, which was for $1,000,000. There was also a small second mortgage on the property of the railway company. The corporation a third time became pressed for money, and negotiated a third mortgage for $250,000 with John D. Tracy, David Dows, R. W. Dunham, William S. Woodward, and William L. Scott. Cowing also became Trustee of this mortgage, which, the complaint alleges, was taken up by persons with whom he was in collusion. It was foreclosed, and the road was sold to the newly-formed New-York Elevated Railroad Company for $230,000, or $20,000 less than the mortgage, and subject to the prior mortgages. Subsequently the first mortgage, in which the plaintiff, James, was interested, was sold, and the road was bought in on account of the mortgage bondholders, by the defendant Cowing, for $750,000. Shortly afterward, it is alleged, Cowing, without proper authority, sold out the entire interest of these bondholders for $100,000 to the New-York Elevated Railroad Company. From the results of this sale each bondholder was entitled to receive about $49 for each $500 bond. The plaintiff refused to accept such a dividend, and brought suit against Cowing and the New-York Elevated Railroad Company, claiming that there had been collusion between them, as was indicated by the fact that Cowing became Secretary and Treasurer of the defendant corporation. James also claimed that Cowing was responsible, because it was his duty to have held the property bought in under the foreclosure of the first mortgage to await the formation of a new company by the bondholders; that he was not authorized to sell the property, and that his action in selling amounted to a wrongful conversion of it.

The case was tried in 1876, before Judge Larremore, at Special Term. Judgment was then given against Cowing for $22,500, but the company was relieved from liability. An appeal was taken by Cowing first, and then by James, who objects to having the New-York Elevated Railway relieved from liability. Decision was reserved.

A QUIET DAY AT TRENTON.

TRENTON, Jan. 23.—The Assembly sat for a short time this morning, and then adjourned for the week. The Senate finished its labors yesterday. The only matter of any interest brought to the notice of the House was a bill for the abolition of shoe-making in the State Prison. The committee based argument on Wednesday evening, and yesterday reported the bill for further action by the House. It will be on the House calendar next Tuesday, and will probably provoke a warm debate. The "jumping" of 22 cases, yesterday, of the bill which is known as the *Students' bill* is a matter of some interest, inasmuch as the measure was introduced at the request of the students of the Princeton College of the last Legislature. The bill was specially designed to discriminate the students in the colleges at New-Brunswick and Princeton, because they voted the Republican ticket. The repeal was passed by a vote of 37 to 21.

LOSSES BY FIRE.

Thomas Jasper & Co.'s elevator at Quincy, Ill., was burned Wednesday night. The loss is estimated at $12,000, on which there is no insurance. The fire is supposed to have been of incendiary origin.

The Irvine Mill, in St. Paul, Minn., having two runs of stone, was burned yesterday morning. The loss is about $10,000 on the mill and $1,500 on wheat. Insurance on all the property, $6,000.

A fire at St. Joseph, Mich., last night, destroyed Wells & Co.'s store-house and a large stock of baskets. The loss is estimated at $6,000; insured for $4,500.

Emerson & Stevens' scythe manufactory at West Waterville, Me., was burned last night. The loss is $20,000; insurance, $10,000.

POPULATION OF FRANCE.

It appears from the French population tables drawn up from the returns of the census of December, 1876, that the foreigners resident in France numbered 801,900 persons, thus forming 2.17 per cent. of the total population. In 1851 the proportion was 1.06 per cent., and in 1861, 1.38 per cent. Of these 801,700 foreigners, 374,500 were Belgians, 95,500 Germans, 165,000 Italians, 62,500 Spaniards, 50,000 Swiss, and 30,000 English. The most striking fact shown by the tables is the relatively great number of adults in France and the small number of children. Whereas in England children under 15 years of age form about 36 per cent. of the population, and persons of above 15 years 63 per cent., in France the former number only 29 per cent. and the latter 71 per cent. The figures are as follows: Under 15 years, 10,006,000; from 15 to 60, 32,527,000; and over 60, 4,261,000. As regards the occupations of the French people, 12,968,000, or 35 per cent., are engaged in agriculture; 9,274,000, or 25 per cent., in manufacturing and similar industries; 3,837,000, or 14 per cent., in trades; and 1,221,000, or 4 per cent., in liberal professions; 3,153,000 being of no occupation. Of the agricultural population, 7,050,000 cultivate their own lands; 2,706,000 are farmers (metayers) and 2,620,000 are laborers and gardeners. Of those engaged in other industries, 3,122,000 are devoted to manufacturing. The numbers of those engaged in the liberal professions are as follows: Religion, 229,000; Fairies 567,500; public instruction, 252,600; law, 93,900; medicine, 141,600; arts and sciences, 90,600.

WEST VIRGINIA DENYING CERTIFICATES.

WHEELING, West Va., Jan. 23.—The following resolution passed the West Virginia Senate to-day, and will doubtless pass the House:

Whereas, There have been put upon the market so-called West Virginia certificates, purporting to represent the indebtedness of this State to the Commonwealth of Virginia, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of West Virginia, that no such certificates have been issued by authority of this State, nor is the State in any manner liable for payment thereof, nor does it in any wise recognize such certificates.

The explanation of this action is that in 1871 Virginia compromised with her creditors by assuming two-thirds of her then existing indebtedness, and for the remainder issued these certificates, which were to become payable after she had a settlement with West Virginia, which settlement she has never had. The two States differ radically as to the proper basis of settlement, West Virginia contending that she owes little or nothing and Virginia claiming that she owes the amount of these certificates, about $15,000,000.

SITTING BULL'S DESIRE FOR PEACE.

CHICAGO, Jan. 23.—Gen. Sheridan, a day or two ago, received a dispatch from Gen. Terry in regard to Sitting Bull, and embodying a report sent in by Col. Wood, post commandant at Fort Bennett. Col. Wood reported having held an interview with two Indians, Black Wolf and Fox, who had been dispatched as emissaries from the camp of the Indians. These two messengers said there was a very large encampment of Sioux on the American side of the line, on Pale Moon Creek, which is four day's ride from Fort Bennett. Black Wolf and Fox report that a large council of Indians was held there the day before their departure, at which it was decided to send runners to the different agencies to ascertain on what terms they would be permitted to return. The messengers represent that Sitting Bull is especially outspoken in favor of peace. Gen. Sheridan expects fuller particulars in a few day.

MONTREAL STOCK MARKET EXCITED.

MONTREAL, Quebec, Jan. 23.—A panic took place in the stock market here to-day. Bank of Montreal and Consolidated Bank stock fell 6 and 7 per cent. respectively from yesterday's prices. The decline in the latter stock was caused by the reported failure of one of the Directors of the local Board of Toronto. The feverish state of the market and reports of the financial troubles in England cause the depression. The panic in the Bank of Montreal stock, it is said, was caused by a rumor of complications or anticipated failure in one of the maritime provinces. Other stocks were less severely affected, but the authorities of the banks principally affected assert that there is no reason for a decline in their stocks.

ARKANSAS TASTE IN PORTRAITS.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Jan. 23.—In the Senate, to-day, a resolution to remove the portraits of Grant and Lincoln, and substitute therefor those of Jackson and Lee, was defeated by a vote of 18 to 9. Two ballots for United States Senator were taken to-day, the last one resulting as follows: Walker, 44; Johnson, 35; Bell, 19; Baxter, 17; scattering, 3. Necessary to a choice, 63.

FIGHTING ABOUT A MURDERER.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Jan. 23.—Advices from Frenchburg reports that trouble is feared between the friends of Barnes, who is imprisoned for the murder of a man named Stevens, and the Sheriff's posse. In the event that a release is attempted a fight will occur. The Governor has been appealed to.

THE ARLINGTON SUIT.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—At Alexandria, Va., to-day, the taking of evidence in the Arlington case was continued in the United States Circuit Court. The testimony referred to the sale of the estate under the direct tax law; the occupancy of the premises by United States forces and negroes, and to the Tax Commission.

BENEFIT OF A SECOND TRIAL.

MILWAUKEE, Jan. 23.—The jury this afternoon in the case of Russell Wheeler, indicted for the murder of Thomas Henderer, returned a verdict of acquittal, on the ground of justifiable homicide. This was his second trial. On the former trial the ver

FORTY-FIFTH CONGRESS.

THIRD SESSION—Jan. 23.

SUMMARY.

In the Senate, Mr. Burnside reported, without amendment, the bill appropriating $950,000 for the education of the blind, and it was placed on the calendar. The Conference Committee on the Consular and Diplomatic Appropriation bill made a report, which was adopted, and the bill passed. Mr. Edmunds withdrew his motion, made yesterday, to take up his resolutions regarding the validity of the last three constitutional amendments, and the consideration of the bill amending the patent laws was resumed. After several amendments had been acted upon, the bill was passed. The Army Appropriation bill was then taken up, so that it might be the unfinished business on Friday. The bill appropriating $600,000 for transporting coin and bullion, with several amendments for paying miscellaneous expenses, was passed; and the Senate then went into executive session, and soon after adjourned.

In the House, the conference report on the Consular and Diplomatic bill was agreed to. Mr. Cox reported the Census bill, and Mr. Blount the Post Office Appropriation bill. The House then went into Committee of the Whole on the bill applying the proceeds of the public lands to the education of the people. Mr. Goode advocated and explained the bill. It was vigorously opposed by several Democrats, while some Republicans spoke in its favor. After a sharp debate the committee rose without taking action, and Mr. Hewitt reported the Army Appropriation bill. The House then took a recess till 7:40 P. M. At the evening session the bill relating mail matter was discussed, but no action was taken.

SENATE.

NAVAL LEGISLATION.

Mr. Saunders, of California, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, reported, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute, the House bill to abolish the volunteer Navy of the United States. Placed on the calendar.

He also reported, from the same committee, the Senate bill appropriating money for the payment of bounty to the officers and men of Rear-Admiral Farragut's fleet, and moved that it be referred to the Committee on Appropriations. It was so ordered.

NEW BILLS.

The following bills were introduced and referred:

By Mr. Matthews, of Ohio—To grant to the American Ocean Cable and Telegraph Land Wire Association, of Philadelphia, the right of way and privilege for lands, lines and operating land telegraph cables on the Atlantic and Pacific coasts of the United States and establish telegraphic communication between the United States, Europe and Asia. Referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. Allison, of Iowa, (by request)—Granting the right of way through the public lands to the Sioux City and Pembina Railroad Company through the public lands of the United States, from Beloit, Iowa, to the Missouri River, in the Territory of Dakota, at or near the mouth of White River. Referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

THE INDIAN APPROPRIATION BILL.

On motion of Mr. Windom, of Minnesota, the Senate insisted upon its amendments to the Indian Appropriation bill, and a committee of conference was ordered. Messrs. Windom, Allison, and Withers were appointed conferees on the part of the Senate.

THE EDUCATION OF THE BLIND.

Mr. Burnside, of Rhode Island, from the Committee on Education and Labor, reported without amendment the bill to establish the National Institution of the blind. Placed on the calendar. It appropriates $250,000 as a perpetual fund for the purpose of aiding the education of the blind in the United States, through the American Printing-house for the Blind. The Secretary of the Treasury is to hold the fund in trust, and invest it in bonds of United States bonds, and pay over the interest to the institution named, to be expended in making embossed books for the blind and tangible apparatus for their instruction. No part of the income from the bonds shall be expended in the erection or leasing of buildings.

THE TENTH CENSUS.

Mr. Morrill, of Vermont, from the Special Committee on the Census, reported a bill to provide for taking the tenth and subsequent censuses. Placed on the calendar. Mr. Morrill gave notice that he would call it up for consideration on Tuesday next after the morning hour.

THE CONSULAR AND DIPLOMATIC BILL.

Mr. Windom, of Minnesota, from the Conference Committee on the Consular and Diplomatic Appropriation bill, submitted a report, and in explanation thereof said the bill as it passed the House appropriated $3,040,715, the Senate added $86,400, making a total of $3,127,815. The amendments of the Senate were all agreed to in conference, with amendments striking out from the bill the following items: For Chargés d'Affaires ad interim and diplomatic officers abroad, $20,000; and for diplomatic and consular service, to be expended in the discretion of the President, $200,000; leaving the total amount appropriated by the bill as agreed to, $1,067,835, an increase over the bill for the present fiscal year of $10,200. The increase is made up of the following additional items: For salaries of Second Secretaries of Legations at Great Britain, Germany, and France, $6,000 each; for a clerk to the Legation at Spain, $1,200; for revising and editing consular regulations, $3,000.

The report was agreed to and the bill passed.

THE LATE REPRESENTATIVE DOUGLASS.

The resolutions of the House announcing the death of Hon. Beverly Douglass were received by the Senate, and Mr. Johnston, of Virginia, announced that he would call them up at an early day.

THE PROPOSED TERRITORY OF PEMBINA.

Mr. Saunders, of Nebraska, gave notice that on Wednesday next he would call up the bill to establish the Territory of Pembina.

ANOTHER WAR CLAIM.

The Senate then proceeded to consider bills on the calendar, and discussed at some length the bill for the relief of Warren Mitchell, which authorized the Secretary of the Treasury to pay him $125,692 22, being the proceeds of cotton taken from Mitchell at Savannah, Ga., which proceeds have been paid into the Treasury. At 1:50 P. M., it was announced that the hour had been reached at 1:50 P. M., it was laid aside.

MR. EDMUNDS' RESOLUTIONS.

The Senate then resumed consideration of the unfinished business, being the bill to amend the Patent laws, the pending question being on the motion of Mr. Edmunds, to amend the preamble to lay aside the Patent bill and take up the resolutions submitted by him on the 7th inst., declaring the validity of the thirteenth, fourteenth, and fifteenth amendments to the Constitution.

Mr. Edmunds said he found by the vote of last night that a majority of the Senate was adverse to considering his resolutions, and it was useless to waste the time of the Senate; therefore he withdrew his motion to take them up.

THE PATENT BILL.

The Senate then proceeded to consider the bill to amend the Patent laws.

Mr. Windom submitted an amendment that "in any suit now or hereafter having jurisdiction in patent cases for an alleged infringement of any patented article, where it shall appear that the defendant purchased the same in good faith from the manufacturer thereof, or from a person or firm engaged in the open sale or practical application thereof, and applied the same for and to his own use and not for sale, nor for making a product for sale, if the patent be valid, shall recover if judgment shall be merely nominal damages, the court shall adjudge that he pay all the costs of the suit, and if the plaintiff shall not recover the sum of $20 or over, the court shall adjudge him to pay his own costs, unless it shall also appear that the defendant at the time of such purchase, manufacture, or practical application had knowledge or actual notice of the existence of such patent."

Mr. Wadleigh, of New-Hampshire, submitted an amendment to that of Mr. Windom, as follows: "Provided that nothing contained in this section shall apply to articles manufactured outside of the United States." Agreed to.

The amendment of Mr. Windom, as amended by Mr. Wadleigh, was then agreed to.

The bill was then read a third time and passed.

THE ARMY REORGANIZATION BILL.

Mr. Burnside moved to take up the bill reported from the joint select committee to reorganize the Army, and said if the bill should be taken up to-day he would without notice be being laid aside informally, that it might come up at the unfinished business to-morrow.

The motion of Mr. Burnside was agreed to without a division, and the Army bill was laid aside, with the understanding that it would come up as the unfinished business to-morrow.

THE RELIEF OF WARREN MITCHELL.

The Senate then proceeded to consider bills on the calendar.

Mr. McCreery, of Kentucky, moved to postpone the pending and all prior orders, and take up the bill for the relief of Warren Mitchell. Agreed to—yeas 25, nays 22.

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Pending discussion on the Mitchell bill, Mr. Windom moved to lay aside the bill informally, and take up the House bill appropriating $60,000 to enable the Secretary of the Treasury to carry out the provisions of section 3654 of the Revised Statutes, in regard to the expense of transporting coin and bullion, and $40,000 for miscellaneous expenses of the House. The amendments of the committee appropriating $10,000 to be applied to defraying expenses in such investigations or inquiries as have been or may be ordered by the Senate during the Forty-fifth Congress, $2851 87 for the Army Reorganization Commission, and $952 60 for the committee to inquire into the expediency of transferring the Indian Bureau to the War Department, were agreed to. The bill was then read a third time and passed.

The Senate, at 5:40 P. M., on motion of Mr. Edmunds, went into executive session, and when the doors were reopened, at 5:50 P. M., adjourned until to-morrow at 12 o'clock.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

JUDICIARY REPORT.

On motion of Mr. Knott, of Kentucky, a resolution was ordered for to-morrow morning, for the consideration of reports from the Judiciary Committee.

THE CONSULAR AND DIPLOMATIC BILL.

Mr. Stephens, of Mississippi, submitted the report of the Conference Committee on the Consular and Diplomatic Appropriation bill. He stated that the bill was exactly the same as the law passed last session, with the exception that the present bill restored the Second Secretary of Legation at Paris, Berlin, and London. The report was agreed to.

THE CENSUS BILL.

Mr. Cox, of New-York, Chairman of the Committee on the Census, reported a bill for taking the Federal census. Ordered to be printed and recommitted.

Mr. Ryan, of Kansas, from the same committee, submitted the views of the minority. Ordered to be printed and recommitted.

THE POST OFFICE APPROPRIATION BILL.

Mr. Blount, of Georgia, from the Committee on Appropriations, reported the Post Office Appropriation bill. Referred to the Committee of the Whole, and made the special order for Saturday next.

THE EDUCATION OF THE PEOPLE.

Mr. Goode, of Virginia, moved to go into Committee of the Whole on the bill applying the proceeds of the public lands to the education of the people. Agreed to—yeas 136, nays 106. The affirmative vote was cast by the Democrats, and the negative by the Republicans, who desired to have a morning hour in order that the debate begun yesterday by Mr. Bragg, of Wisconsin, and Mr. Ellis, of Louisiana, should be continued.

The House then went into Committee of the Whole, (Mr. Hooker, of Mississippi, in the chair,) on the bill to apply the proceeds of the sales of the public lands to the education of the people. It provides that the net proceeds of the sales shall be forever set apart for the education of the people, and apportioned to the several States and Territories and the District of Columbia upon the basis of the population of such States, between the ages of 5 and 21, provided that after five years one-half, and after 10 years the whole, of said net proceeds shall be set apart as an educational fund, which shall be invested in United States bonds bearing not less than 4 per cent. interest, the interest on such fund only to be used for the purposes of education; that for the first 10 years the apportionment shall be made on the basis of the illiteracy of the population over 10 years of age.

Mr. Goode explained the provisions of the bill, saying there were millions of millions of acres of public lands, but remembering how much of it had been squandered in grants to railroad companies, it was evident that the time must come when there would no longer be any public domain to bring revenue to the Government.

Mr. Frye, of Maine, inquired if there was anything in the bill which could compel the fund to be applied in the Southern States to the education of the colored race.

Mr. Goode replied that there was no disposition in any Southern State to discriminate in any way between white and colored children.

Mr. Keifer, of Ohio, inquired if Mr. Goode would admit of an amendment forbidding any such discrimination.

Mr. Goode replied that he would, unless the gentleman wanted to establish mixed schools. He was willing to make it as plain as human language could make it that this fund was to be dedicated to the free education of all children, both white and colored, but he would oppose every proposition to establish mixed schools, because that would be alienation to the white and the colored race.

Mr. Dunnell, of Minnesota, opposed the bill. Public education must be fostered and built up by the States, otherwise the General Government might give and give, but there would be no prosperous public school system. The gentleman from Virginia (Mr. Goode) counted upon obtaining millions for his fund. He (Mr. Dunnell) would undertake to say that in 10 years thousands instead of millions would cover all the returns from the Land Office. The receipts from that source were rapidly lessening, and at the end of five years there would be substantially nothing left to go into the school fund, and the amount distributed up to that time would be so small that the States would get little or no benefit from it.

Mr. Patterson, of Colorado, agreed with Mr. Dunnell that the proceeds from the sale of lands was rapidly decreasing. If the bill were passed so that a State could never have the opportunity of constructing great works for the improvement of the interior, such as the foundation, a hundred years from to-day the same vast extent of desert domain would be met with in going from the Missouri River to the Pacific Ocean, a monument to the ignorance, the want of foresight, and the lack of humanity of the American Congress.

Mr. Wright, of New-York, opposed the bill. He had been educated in the good old-fashioned school of Democracy that believed that the business of education belonged to the State, and that every State had a right to be as illiterate as it minded to. (Laughter.) It passed all human comprehension that the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. Goode) could by any possibility rob the loyal States out of their interest in the public lands. They were to be thimble-rigged out of their interest. He was not ready for that and it did not put him in a good humor. [Laughter.]

Mr. Lodge, of Massachusetts, congratulated himself on being able to advocate a measure for the interest of education and in entire accordance with the policy of the country from the day the Pilgrim Fathers landed up to the present time.

Mr. Monroe, of Ohio, said he had voted to go into committee on this bill and against taking up the war claims because he was in favor of the bill and opposed to the war claims. While he admitted that the first responsibility as to schools rested with the several States, he still contended that the General Government had some responsibility in the matter and should do something in the way of aiding education.

The time fixed for general debate having expired, the House proceeded to consider the bill by sections for amendment.

Mr. Reagan, of Texas, moved to amend the proviso in the first section, which provides that it shall not limit or abridge the power of Congress over the public domain or interfere with granting bounty lands, by adding the words "or grants to aid in public improvements." He explained and advocated the amendment, intimating that it might be necessary to grant lands for a competing railroad across the continent.

Mr. Harrison, of Illinois, opposed the amendment, declaring that one of the doctrines of the Democratic Party was not to give subsidies for any improvement of that kind, either in money or in lands.

Mr. Keifer, of Ohio, congratulated the Democratic Party on having reached a principle laid down for it by the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. Harrison). One of the last acts of the last Democratic President (and he trusted that he would be forever the last) [laughter] had been to veto a Homestead law as being agrarian in principle. The Homestead law had been passed by a Republican Congress, and been signed by Abraham Lincoln, a Republican President. Under that law there had been 384,848 homesteads entered, covering an area extending that of Scotland, England and Wales. That had been the policy of the Republican Party in respect to the public lands, and it had been carried out in spite of the policy of the Democratic Party of old. He now congratulated the Democratic Party on having been educated by the Republican Party up to the point of voting in favor of homesteads. [Laughter and applause.]

Mr. Ewing, of Illinois, offered as a substitute for Mr. Reagan's amendment, an amendment providing that all public lands which have been granted by Congress to aid in the construction of railroad and telegraph lines, which have not been earned and which have lapsed by reason of failure to complete such railroad and telegraph lines within the time limited, are hereby declared forfeited to the United States.

Mr. Cain, of South Carolina, spoke in favor of the bill. The education of his race was very important. A nation should raise its citizens above superstition and crime. He proceeded to quote statistics to show that the number of illiterate colored persons in the South was much smaller than that of white persons. Education was necessary all over the nation, especially in Louisiana, Mississippi, and South Carolina.

Mr. Wright, of Pennsylvania, declared that he was not the only dad every inch of the public domain belong to the people, but also that famine should be provided for before the erection of school-houses. The attention of Congress should be fixed upon a single point, and that point was the relief of the suffering millions. [Applause in the galleries.] He would not agree that a dollar should be taken from the National Treasury for any purpose whatever, so long as there were hungry men, women, and children thronging the streets.

"Our penitentiaries," he continued, "eye, Sir, our mad-houses, are full. In the State of Pennsylvania to-day there are 5,000 persons confined in lunatic asylums. (Significant laughter.) What took them there but starvation? Want and starvation fill our penitentiaries and our almshouses, and yet you talk about taking money from the National Treasury to build up institutions of learning. You may laugh about the lunatics in Pennsylvania if you please, but perhaps if a few of you were there (meaning in lunatic asylums) you would be in better places than you are in here. [Laughter.]

Mr. White, of Pennsylvania—What part of the State are these lunatics in?

A member—In the Kleptomaniac section. [Laughter.]

The committee rose without acting on the amendment.

THE ARMY APPROPRIATION BILL.

Mr. Hewitt, of New-York, from the Committee on Appropriations, reported the Army Appropriation bill, and said he would call it up for consideration after the Post Office Appropriation bill was disposed of.

CANADIAN RECIPROCITY.

Mr. Cox, of New-York, introduced a bill to regulate commerce between the United States and Canada, and to provide for reciprocal navigation. Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

The House then, at 4:20, took a recess until 7:30.

EVENING SESSION.

THE MAIL CLASSIFICATION BILL.

At 7:30 the House (Mr. Carlisle, of Kentucky, in the Chair) took up for consideration the bill for the classification of mail matter, and to regulate rates of postage thereon.

Mr. Waddell, of North Carolina, Chairman of the Committee on Post Offices and Roads, explained the provisions of the bill. It divided mail matter into four classes—first, written matter; second, periodical publications, under registration; third, miscellaneous printed matter; and fourth, merchandise; and made the rates of postage uniform on all periodicals, whether daily, weekly, monthly, or quarterly. The bill was satisfactory to the publishers of the country.

Mr. Hazen, of Rhode Island, moved to refuse postage on letters weighing half an ounce to 2 ounces, instead of the quarter of an ounce as at the reduction. Rejected.

Mr. Blount, of Georgia, moved to strike out of the sixth section, regulating registration, a clause allowing the postmaster of a publication which is refused registration, to apply to the District Court for a mandamus to compel the Postmaster to grant such registration. Rejected.

Mr. Strunk, of Illinois, moved to strike out the whole section on the ground that it was establishing a censorship over the press.

Mr. Blount replied that the Postmaster-General had the same power now; that there was no change in this, but merely a question of administration.

Mr. Waddell, of North Carolina, Chairman of the committee, remarked that the bill had the approval of all the legitimate publishers of the country, but it was being talked to death by obstructionists, and he therefore moved to adjourn.

The motion was agreed to, and the House, at 10 P. M., adjourned.

CONFIRMATIONS BY THE SENATE.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—The Senate, in executive session to-day, confirmed the following nominations: Henry O. Beatty, to be Register of the Land Office at Sacramento, Cal.; William G. Thompson, of Iowa, to be Chief-Justice of the Supreme Court of Idaho; Peter Maxon, to be Register of the the Land Office at Bismarck, Dakota Territory; William Gibson, of Pennsylvania, to be Lieutenant-Commander in the Navy, in accordance with the act of Dec. 12, 1878.

Postmasters.—Mrs. Agnes Houston, Thompsonville, Conn.; Charles St. John, Jr., Port Jervis, N. Y.; J. D. White, Greensborough, N. C.; Wiley A. Walker, Winston, N. C.; James H. Goss, Union Court-house, S. C.; Alonzo Webster, Orangeburg, S. C.; E. W. Doone, Newberry Court-house, S. C.; Frederick Ball, Lagrange, Ga.; Mrs. M. E. Henry, Decatur, Ala.; Robert Stewart, Macon, Miss.; John B. Deason, Brookhaven, Miss.; Frank M. Goar, Tupelo, Miss.; C. E. Sabin, Galveston, Texas; A. G. Wilcox, Rockdale, Texas; August B. Palm, Round Rock, Texas; Charles H. Clifford, Mexia, Texas; Charles Kirkebarger, Brenham, Texas; A. B. Norton, Dallas, Texas; F. S. Goodson, Bellevue, Ohio; Thomas H. Robertson, Brazil, Ind.; John C. Eller, Muncie, Ind.; Samuel B. Webster, Monticello, Ind.; Gallus Rutz, Jr., Highland, Ill.; N. H. Pratt, Kewanee, Ill.; Isaac M. Kealy, Dequoin, Ill.; Andrew Wilson, Sparta, Ill.; Gilbert Beeslin, Lake Forest, Ill.; Samuel Rankin, Mount Sterling, Ill.; J. R. Anderson, Havelock, Ill.; Samuel Lynn, Earlsville, Ill.; Sumner D. Chapin, White Hall, Ill.; John E. Miller, Anna, Ill.; F. H. Bates, Elmhurst, Ill.; William M. Craddick, Knoxville, Iowa; S. A. Moore, Bloomfield, Iowa; J. M. Emery, Lamars, Iowa; O. P. R. Williamson, Grand Island, Neb.; Warren S. Ross, Lewiston, Mont.; F. M. Mathews, South Pueblo, Col.; H. Lueders, Lake City, Col.; D. E. Bradley, El Moro, Col.; A. T. Fleetwood, Sioux Falls, Dakota Territory; E. A. Grant, Fargo, Dakota Territory; John J. Sykes, Grass Valley, Cal.

NOMINATIONS BY THE PRESIDENT.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—The President sent the following nominations to the Senate to-day: Joseph H. Sloss, to be United States Marshal for the District of Alabama; David G. Carr, to be Collector of Customs at Petersburg, Va.; Passed Assistant Engineer J. R. McNary, to be Chief Engineer in the United States Navy.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

THE EAST SIDE ROAD AGAIN.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

The letter of "J. C. F." in defense of the New-York Elevated Railroad, printed in yesterday's Times, is scarcely such a statement in rebuttal of those of his illustrious predecessors as will tend to change public opinion in favor of that much-abused structure. "J. C. F." seems to forget that the privileges and franchises enjoyed by that corporation, in which he takes so much interest, differ materially from the purchased and independent shop and stock in trade of the money-getting merchant. These privileges and franchises are the gift of the people through their legislative representatives, and for the powers granted a return is due, which the people have a right to demand as a condition precedent. This corporation must be a good deal more than a dividend-making concern in order to retain the powers and rights already conferred, or they may be legally transferred to some more competent and responsible successor. The "gold-leaf and extravagance of a rival corporation" are enviously referred to by "J. C. F.," but some of both were anticipated, and might reasonably be expected, by those who find it more convenient to patronize the vehicles of the New-York Elevated Railroad Company, which are no improvement upon, and are no more comfortable than, the long-complained-of Third-avenue street car. The seats are measured off in most contemptible dimensions, and may be supposed in their some relative proportion to the breadth of intellect of this parsimonious corporation's executive management. The cars are uninviting generally, and thus far have not been kept in a cleanly condition, a matter which in Summer should be looked after by the Board of Health.

As for heat, that is a matter of preference; the company might at least put one or two judiciously-warmed cars on each train for those who prefer them. With the thermometer at zero, a person with a few shares of the company's stock in his pocket (even watered stock) is about the only one who can make up his mind that these crowded cars are both comfortable and healthful. Proper ventilation is not an impossibility, even with some heat. If what we are to have in the way of conveniently-run trains is not to be measured by what we have had, why all right; but the terminal facilities should have been thought of before, by a company which has been running trains up Greenwich-street and Ninth-avenue for several years, and which has appropriated to its own use as much of the public Battery Park as it deemed necessary for side tracks and switches. As the writer has not been a complainant heretofore, it may be of interest to mention that taking a company's rapid transit ticket at Sixty-seventh-street, a few days ago, for which was paid 10 cents, to carry him to Hanover-square, 12 minutes were quietly passed waiting for a southward-bound train, which, when taken, was found to go no further than Franklin-square. Getting off again at Twenty-third-street, 20 minutes of waiting were added to the other 12, several trains coming along in the meantime, which could not "accommodate" another passenger. Preferring a Third-avenue horse-car at this stage of the journey, the ticket was then presented to the company's agent and its price demanded, but the company's faithful agent knew its value—he wouldn't take it, although offered at a discount of 50 per cent., so the company's indignant passenger, booked for Hanover-square, took the Horse-car, and arrived down town 18 minutes earlier than some of the rapid-transit patrons, who had been waiting ten miles for the engine, (of the latest improved patterns,) ahead to have out.

The company's servants and agents have been greatly complained of; but as "J. C. F." truly says, have had much to annoy and aggravate them. They are not responsible for the overcrowding of trains, or for the vexatious delays and want of proper accommodation. As a rule, they are possibly as good a set of men as can be employed for the low compensation offered. Perhaps "J. C. F." is right in his supposition that "the passengers assist the trainmen in their arduous duties," is one which, I think, has not been equaled in audacity in the annals of any common carrier. He also assures the doubtful passenger that "these trains are not run for a five-cent nickel," and asks all passengers to do what the company can't, accommodate each other. Again additional attention to a thrash-up limitation of a "dishwashing-man's length" upon passengers' heads is spoken of—after they have paid their fare. This process might relieve the company of any necessity for additional expenditure for steam-heating apparatus. From what has already been reported through the obliging columns of The Times, it might be an improvement to have a policeman on each train with a club to hurry up the "accommodation" of passengers, and to keep the heads of lovely pedestrians in Third-avenue, and preserve peace between only-headed passengers and gentlemanly train-men. Doubtless the Department of Police could detail a man for each train without endangering the offensive working force of the department. Finally, Mr. "J. C. F." promises that if passengers will correct their follies and abuses, the New-York Elevated Railroad will do something for them, and we may expect, if these follies and abuses are not corrected, to find Mr. Cyrus Field, the company's able head, making a beautiful, incest, and greatest report to elevated shareholders of the actual number of settlements in working order, carrying so many head of cattle per diem at so much a head. It will then be time for the outspoken passenger to turn round and do something for the New-York Elevated Railroad Company.

T. F. P.

NEW-YORK, Monday, Jan. 20, 1879.

AN APPEAL FROM A REGULAR.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

Another ghost of the Army than that mentioned in your issue of the 16th inst. exists, which I have long thought of trying to raise. It is the ghost of the soldiers of the regular Army who were enlisted previous to our late unpleasantness. When the call to duty was sounded they were mostly stationed in Utah, California, Oregon, Texas, and other, at that time, out of the way place. The reasons thereof some survivors of the Democratic Party are probably aware of. In all the past years I have not heard a word about equalizing their bounty. Most of them got none, and served from one to five years in active service. Just now a great time is being made about Army bills, staff and line. But the gentlemen who have introduced bills, I am assured the hand of those very men seem to have forgotten the old Regular altogether. I feel almost assured that The Times will give a reminder to some brave General or Senator, as Congressman, that there is a little justice yet to be done. Under orders I lost a full kit, knapsack and all, and there never was a word said about it. That beats your mosquito-bar story, I think.

ANTE AND DURING THE WAR.

Sixth Infantry, United States Army.

REAL ESTATE VALUATIONS.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

I was informed at the Tax Office that the assessments of real estate for the present year were made at the rate of about 95 per cent on the real value. In examining the records I found much property assessed at less than 50 per cent of its value. This is only cause the valuation assessed what the property would sell for in an active market. This is not, I imagine, the result of any dishonest intention on the part of the tax officials; but it shows a lack of that thorough and comprehensive knowledge of real estate matters which we have a right to expect from the Tax Commissioners. In such cases where there has been a steady depreciation in the value of property for the last four years, the assessments remain the same from year to year. And the same easy way of assessing seems to have been adopted in sections of the City where property has risen in value. The real estate assessment rolls for this City need a very thorough and intelligent overhauling. Perhaps Mayor Cooper will, on the 1st of May, produce the right man for the task.

TAX-PAYER.

WORKING MEN AND PRISON LABOR.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

I perceive that the working men of the country are again agitating the question of suppressing the outrage of prison labor competing with that of honest citizens. As the principle involved is a general one, I would like to suggest to them that they make a declaration of sentiments which shall strike at the root of the evil complained of. Will you kindly submit the inclosed for their consideration?

Whereas, Whatever reduces the wages of labor inflicts a remediless injury upon the working man, by cheapening generally the necessaries of life; and

Whereas, Working men are producers only, and not consumers, and consequently have no benefit from cheap goods; and

Whereas, The interests of working men demand an increased cost of production of every article necessary for food, clothing, or shelter, because the wages of working men are never applied to the purchase of such articles; and

Whereas, National wealth is the curse of any people, inasmuch as it lightens the burden of their taxation, and increases their means of comfort; therefore be it

Resolved, That high wages, with consequent high prices of the necessaries of life, are better for the workingmen than low wages, because the latter tend to increased production, and the consequent cheapening of necessaries; and be it further

Resolved, That we repudiate with scorn the antiquated notion that "the man is a philanthropist who causes two blades of grass to grow in the place of one," and we condemn such a man as a disguised enemy of the human race.

NEW-YORK, Friday, Jan. 17, 1879. F. S.

THE WORK OF THE COMMON PLEAS.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

In your issue of the 20th inst. "Lawyer" announces that the Court of Common Pleas is the slowest court in this County, and gives what would be reasons if they were true. He could not have read the papers of the 1st inst., or he would have learned by the annual statistics of the several courts made up and published at the end of the year, that out of a total of 73,631 motions, special proceedings, cases argued and disposed of, &c., the Court of Common Pleas, (with one Judge ill and another serving in the Supreme Court, leaving only four working Judges,) disposed of 23,398, while the Supreme Court, with 11 Judges acting at different times during the year, had as its share 16,806 of these 73,631 cases, &c. These figures show that in proportion to its force the Court of Common Pleas has done more work than any other, not only during 1878, but, as the published statements will show, in every year for the last 10 years. If the trial terms are well worked, it is not the fault of the Judges, who, during themselves overworked with work, officially requested the Governor not to transfer one of their associates, as heretofore, for the present year to the Supreme Court. This request was unheeded and the assignment was made, though in their official communication the Governor was fully informed of all the facts.

ADVOCATE.

COURT OF APPEALS.

ALBANY, Jan. 23.—In the Court of Appeals to-day the following business was transacted: No. 336—Samuel B. Raymond, Assignee, &c., respondent, vs. Henry E. Richmond, Sheriff, &c., appellant; ordered that case be stricken from the calendar, &c. No. 70—Joseph Mickerson et al., respondents, vs. Emil Ruger et al., appellants; on motion of William W. Goodrich, counsel for respondents, judgment affirmed by default. No. 71—William N. Rae, appellant, vs. Henry Harteau et al., respondents; argued by Edwin F. Rice for appellant, Lewis Beach and B. F. Lee for respondents. No. 42—Elizabeth C. Bennett, respondent, vs. Washington Garlock, appellant; argued by Henry A. Foster for appellant, Edwin C. James for respondent.

The following is the day calendar for Monday, Jan. 27: Nos. 43, 20, 33, 35, 36, 18, 45, 47.

DECISIONS IN THE COURTS.

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS.

By Judge Barrett.

Dunn on Sheet.—Motion denied, but without costs.

Lear vs. Lane.—Motion granted, but without costs.

Gerry vs. Post.—Motion granted, but without costs. Complaint stricken, with costs and $10 cost of motion.

Mitchell vs. Lewis.—Motion granted and Receiver appointed.

Gould vs. Farmers' Loan and Trust Company.—Memorandum.

Smith vs. Smith.—Judgment granted.

Morrison vs. Farmer.—Motion granted, and Wylie Holden appointed Receiver.

In the Matter of Jackson.—Decisions sustained and discharge granted.

Michael Life Insurance Company vs. Hooker.—Reference to compute.

Corwin vs. Wing.—Motion granted, but costs can abide the event.

Reports Confirmed.—Ruhe vs. Puffer; Wright vs. Beck.

Barnes vs. Wing.—Motion granted, but costs can abide the event.

Byrne vs. White.—Motion granted, but costs can abide the event.

Beach vs. Tuffs.—Extra allowance of $125 granted. Findings and decree signed and Receiver appointed.

Baker vs. Doane.—Motion granted for first Friday in February.

McGrath vs. Steel.—Motion granted on payment of $10 term fee and $10 costs of opposing this motion.

Stone Bottom Company vs. Lee.—Memorandum.

Harrison Stone.—Default opened on terms.

Morrison vs. Israels et al.—Motion granted with $10 costs. Memorandum.

Vail vs. Hamilton.—Memorandum.

Gardner vs. Whipple; two cases.—Memorandum.

Devlin vs. Bedford Railroad Company.—Motion denied, with $10 costs. Memorandum.

Shuster vs. Hohner.—Motion denied, with $10 costs. Memorandum.

Brown vs. Hightstown.—Motion denied, with $10 costs. Memorandum.

Billings vs. Carter.—Motion granted on terms. Memorandum.

McDonald vs. Davis.—Denied, with $10 costs. Memorandum.

By Judge Donohue.

Mills vs. Ellis.—Proof of service not sufficient.

SUPREME COURT—SPECIAL TERM.

By Judge Van Ford.

Turbini vs. West et al.—Order amending case granted.

SUPREME COURT—CIRCUIT—PART I.

By Judge Donohue.

Fuey et al. vs. Francis.—Settled. See memorandum on amendments allowed.

SUPREME COURT—CIRCUIT—PART III.

By Judge Donohue.

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NEW-YORK, FRIDAY, JAN. 24, 1879.

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THE NEW-YORK TIMES.

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The Signal Service Bureau report indicates for this region to-day, partly cloudy weather, winds shifting to easterly and southerly, and during the day rising temperature and falling barometer.

The Potter committee resolved yesterday to receive from Gen. Butler all the cipher dispatches in his possession, to make a complete inventory of them, to have them photo-lithographed for the use of the committee, and deciphered according to "the best knowledge, skill, and ability" of an expert to be chosen by the committee. It was also resolved to give Mr. Tilden the opportunity demanded for him by Mr. Hewitt of facing his accuser before a competent tribunal, and to allow Mr. Tilden to be represented by counsel, "in the same manner and under the same limitations as a person arraigned under the resolution authorising this committee." S. H. St. Martin, late Deputy Marshal of Donaldsonville, La., was permitted to testify concerning his celebrated affidavit, and gave the committee some valuable information about the theory and practice of lying, by which he was so much relieved that he informed his examiners that he had as clear a conscience as any man around the table.

The discussion in the Chamber of Commerce yesterday as to the proper method of ascertaining the value on which duties on imports should be assessed was spirited and able. The special committee, of which Mr. Jackson S. Schultz is Chairman, reported in favor of duties, principally *ad valorem*, and of assessing these duties on the "home value," that is, the wholesale price at auction for cash. No formal bill was submitted, but the committee reported the general principle, the Chairman explained it, and suggestions were asked from merchants and importers as to the details of its application. The speech of Mr. Schultz will be found extremely interesting. It is certain that the vexations and injuries to business arising from our present methods are extremely embarrassing and even oppressive, and it is quite proper that suggestions for their improvement should come from such a body as the Chamber of Commerce. The proposed system would unquestionably require a better organized and more skillful civil service than we now possess for its successful application; but that is a recommendation rather than otherwise. It would be disgraceful if we should adhere to a bad system on the confessed ground that we could not furnish a good enough service to administer a better one.

Mr. Skinner, of Jefferson, promises to be one of the most active and fearless reformers of the present Assembly. His well-directed attack upon the waste of public money on the petty officers of the House was a highly creditable example of conscientious regard for public interests, while the bill for the abolition of the Insurance Department shows his possession of the right sort of independence. His proposed constitutional amendment for the institution of biennial legislative sessions will tend still further to elevate him in the estimation of the people, who, in this as in other States, are heartily sick of too much law-making. The kind of reception which such an amendment would meet with at the polls is hardly doubtful, and now that it has been thus early brought before the Legislature, it is to be hoped that its author will lose no opportunity of pressing it on the possibly unwilling attention of his colleagues.

The rivalry in pointing the way to retrenchment in the cost of Municipal administration in New-York is being actively sustained in the Assembly. Mr. Brooks' resolution as to the exorbitant cost of the inferior courts of the City has been supplemented by Mr. Varnum's resolution relating to the extravagance of the entire Judiciary system. Dr. Hayes' resolution proposing a graduated reduction of salaries above $1,200 has been put in a more comprehensive shape by Mr. Strahan's announced intention to introduce at an early day, "a bill to enable and compel the authorities of the City of New-York to practice greater economy in the matter of expenditures for all departments, boards, courts, and commissions." It is to be hoped that the bill will be forthcoming at a very early day, and that its character will be as thorough as the announcement in regard to it would lead us to expect. If Mr. Strahan can show the people of this City, as he readily may, how $2,000,000 a year can be saved on the tax-levy, he will be regarded as a public benefactor.

Tax-payers will not be so much interested in that part of the report of the State Capitol Commissioners which gives the cost of the work so far as it is done, as in that portion which shows how much it will cost to finish the building. Nevertheless, it is upon the basis of the money lately expended that we are to calculate how much more will be needed. The building, as a whole, has cost too much. To be sure, it is not such a monument of extravagance and dishonesty as our own Court-house, nor is it so difficult to figure up the amount expended upon it as it is in the case of the Capitol at Washington. Last year, the State Commissioners estimated that the building, finished according to their plans, could be built and furnished for $5,198,625. They now report that the finished portion, which contains two of the three great rooms, one-half the heating apparatus, five of the seven elevators, one-half of the plumbing, all of the drainage and water-supply, &c., has cost, with materials on hand, $1,274,227. Therefore, they argue that they have kept the work within the bounds of their estimate; and they say that the additional sum of $4,200,000 will complete and furnish the building. This seems a great deal of money. But, since we have nearly finished the work, and nobody doubts the honesty and ability of the present Commissioners, it seems that there is nothing left for us but to go on to the end.

THE EDMUNDS RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Edmunds' withdrawal of his resolutions will not disappoint the country nor entail serious loss upon the Republican cause. Having discovered that the prevailing sense of the party was adverse to their consideration, only one course was open to him. Unsophisticated minds will probably think that, on a subject so delicate and yet so important, the proper plan would have been to ascertain the judgment of Republican Senators before taking the step now hastily abandoned. It is hardly wise or seemly on the part of an individual, however eminent, to force upon a party, as a basis of policy, his own views on a question about which Republicans honestly differ; and he has no right to complain if, as a result of his injudicious action, he be obliged to "eat the leek" with more publicity than is pleasant to a sensitive nature. Mr. Edmunds blundered, and he now pays the penalty.

The time may not be distant when it will be the duty of the Republican Party to revise and enlarge its policy with regard to the questions growing out of the political condition of the freedmen and the measures required to protect the ballot in the Southern States. When this time comes, something more practical will be needed than the recital of a series of abstractions by which Mr. Edmunds proposed to test the judgment of the Senate. There might be a unanimous declaration respecting the validity of the constitutional amendments without in any degree bettering the prospect for their enforcement in States controlled by the Southern Democrats. Meanwhile, however, it must be admitted that neither in nor out of Congress is Republican opinion educated up to the point at which a demand for further legislation is likely to become imperative. Mr. Edmunds assumed that this point had been reached. His proposal that the Judiciary Committee should be instructed to report a bill for the protection of rights acquired under the amendments, presupposed a condition of Republican opinion which does not exist. As to certain material facts connected with the Southern elections there is, among Republicans, little or no difference of opinion. But there are wide differences as to the means to be employed for the prevention of the frauds and outrages which in at least two States rendered the elections worse than a mockery.

Indeed, the merit of Mr. Blaine's motion for an inquiry arose out of its adaptation to this condition of affairs. The Vermont Senator took it for granted that everything is ripe for further legislation. The Maine Senator more correctly interpreted Northern sentiment when he assumed certain alleged facts as a reason for investigating thoroughly the circumstances connected with the Southern elections in question. Even on this safe ground party action was not easily obtained. Unworthy personal jealousies, doubtless, had much to do with the indifference encountered by Mr. Blaine, and with the lack of earnestness which delayed the organization of the committee. But it must also be admitted that the disinclination to reopen the Southern question in any shape exists among Republicans to an extent which so clear-headed a man as Mr. Edmunds should not have overlooked. How far this feeling will yield to the results of the investigation now going on in Louisiana we shall know in due season. The fragments of testimony that have been received add little to our knowledge, though confirming general impressions previously received; and of the tone and capacity of the committee we cannot form an opinion. For political purposes, the treatment of facts is as important as the facts themselves, as the melancholy fate of Mr. Boutwell's Mississippi report proves. And it is certain that in the present temper of the Republican Party, only the judicious handling of conclusive evidence will reconcile the party to a revival of the Southern controversy, or contribute to the growth of a demand for fresh legislation directed against the Democracy in the Southern States.

Indirectly, Mr. Edmunds' resolutions have aided in the crystallization of opinion on the controverted points of this question. Doubts may be entertained with reference to facts, and with reference to the expediency of making them the groundwork of a party programme. But when principles are at stake, doubt disappears; expediency is overshadowed by duty. Now, the sole redeeming effect of Mr. Edmunds' effort is seen in the broad line which it has brought to light as between the Republican and Democratic Parties. The vague phrases employed by the Democratic Senators to hide their position touching the constitutional amendments, are dropped when they come to the principles which underlie the relations of States to the Federal power, and determine the nature of the authority which regulates the exercise of the franchise and guards the freedom and integrity of elections. Without robbing the States of an atom of the power conferred on them by the Constitution, Republicans will not yield the vital principle of the Union, or surrender the safeguards of rights acquired as consequences of the war. So far as these matters are concerned, the Republican policy can undergo no change. It is not dependent on Mr. Blaine's inquiry or Mr. Edmunds' resolutions. The Democratic position is now equally well defined. Pretenses hitherto employed to mitigate the odiousness of principles that culminated in rebellion, are at last discarded. Compelled in some specific way to meet the Edmunds resolutions, the Democratic Senators have promulgated, as their party's policy, an undiluted version of the old State rights doctrine. With the resolutions presented by Mr. Morgan on record, their party cannot escape the responsibility involved in its revival of nullification, and its bold reassertion of the Southern pretensions which led to the war.

THE PENSION ARREARS BILL.

The diversity in the estimates made by experts, or those who should be experts, of the amount of money which the pension arrearage law will take from the Treasury is extraordinary. But the same diversity occurred when the measure was acted upon last year, and the year before, and nobody has since thought it worth while, apparently, to make more accurate calculations. The Congressmen who had charge of the bill in the two houses fixed the probable amount called for at about $18,000,000. It is said that Pension Office authorities raise that to $33,000,000 at present, with enough more in the future to carry the total above $50,000,000. Mr. Sherman's estimate is reported to be about $100,000,000. Three years ago the Pension Commissioner computed the arrearage at about $13,500,000; but it has increased greatly since.

The existing law on the subject is section 15 of the act of 1873; and it declares that all pensions granted for death, wounds, or disease received in the service since March 4, 1861, shall begin at the date of the death or of the discharge from the service, "or from the termination of the right of the party having prior title to such pension"—*provided* that the application for the pension was, or shall be, filed with the Commissioner within five years after the right thereto accrued; otherwise, the pension is to begin at the date of filing the last evidence necessary to establish it. The bill now passed by both houses of Congress simply removes this five years' limitation clause or proviso.

So much for what the bill is. One of the best arguments in its favor was that in some cases soldiers who received disabilities in the service held back, through a commendable motive of pride or of patriotism, from applying for a pension until after the five years' limit had expired; and that then they asked a pension because the hard times or misfortunes drove them to do it. Hence it was urged with much force that the honorable feeling which prompted this delay should not work to their disadvantage. In other cases, the carelessness of the young soldier may have led him to refrain from looking after his pecuniary rights until the statute period had run against him. In still other cases, the degree of disability, especially from disease, which would entitle the claimant to relief, might not have developed itself until after the five years had passed, and yet be traceable to the injury received in service. In still other cases, ignorance that a valid claim existed, or a shrinking from going through the claim agent machinery, and, above all, inability to get at the required evidence, may have caused the delay. Still another argument attacked the five years' limitation as one that never had any basis of reason; for it must be admitted that, if intended to guard against frauds in trumping up pretended wounds or diseases, the real point for meeting this danger is not on arrears of pension, but on granting a pension at all. If the evidence is not satisfactory, the pension must not be given; if it is satisfactory, why not allow the pension to accrue from the time the injury was received? Finally, it is argued that if the discrimination in the law of 1873 is unjust, the amount of money required for righting it ought not to stand in the way, in view of the vastly greater amounts already paid and to be paid for pensions.

Against this measure it has been urged that, even admitting that the right to a pension is a contract right instead of a gratuity, the power and duty of Congress to prescribe some limitation of time in regard to applications, and to effectuate it by discriminations, have never until of late been disputed. In fact, we find that in 1862, under the first pension, there was a one-year limitation—the date being fixed at discharge, but if the application was delayed a year, then the pension "shall commence on the day of the filing of the application." In 1864 we find this limit extended to three years; and in 1873 the five years' limit was fixed upon, without, apparently, any question of its liberality and equity. It is urged that during this long interval, such restrictions operated as a kind of notice to claimants, and that subsequent claimants could hardly complain of injustice. Besides, it appears from the records that an enormous majority of the cases now to be affected by the bill have been those of applications perfected since 1873; and at this point comes in the question how far they have been multiplied by the industry of claim agents, purchasing the accruing benefit for small amounts—a branch of the subject, however, which we need not discuss. Still another argument, which caused almost all the debate in the Senate on the day the bill was passed, is that the new measure may, in some cases, give a pension for years during which disabilities were not developed or suspected, and that for such intervening time pensions are not designed. Finally, it was argued that so large a sum should not be taken out of the Treasury on a revocation of conditions long ago imposed.

But, after all, the strongest practical argument in favor of the measure was, doubtless, that it was "a soldier bill"; for on no other ground can we account for a bill appropriating so much money sweeping the House by storm, and the Senate by a vote of 44 to 4; while to this same peculiarity we must, doubtless, ascribe the prolonged deliberation of Mr. Hayes and his Cabinet, as to whether the bill should be signed or vetoed. Meanwhile, the not very abstruse and yet somewhat important calculation, whether the measure is likely to call for eighteen millions, or three or five times eighteen millions, still keeps modestly in the background.

ABORTIVE PROJECTS IN CONGRESS.

It seems that members of Congress learn little by experience or observation regarding the limitations imposed by a short session. It is perfectly well known that, with the exception of the period of the war, when legislation was absolutely necessary, very few measures of importance, other than the appropriation bills, have ever been carried through at the second session of a Congress. In the first place, the total number of working days in the session cannot exceed 80. From these must be deducted a fortnight for the holiday recess, and, with the interruptions which invariably occur, the available time is reduced to not more than ten weeks. Yet, year after year, members and committees force upon the two bodies of Congress propositions literally by the thousand. Congress has during the present session sat somewhat less than six weeks, yet there have been introduced in the House nearly a thousand bills, and in the Senate nearly one-fourth that number, in all about 1,200 bills, and the process still goes on. In the two houses, the bills of the present Congress number very nearly 8,000.

Among these proposed bills some are of general importance, on which much time is expended, for the most part, for nothing. Thus, an elaborate examination has been made into the question of the sugar duties. The Treasury Department, after a pretty thorough investigation, made certain definite recommendations. The Committee of Ways and Means of the House took the business in hand, and heard many witnesses, at considerable expense, and occupying a great deal of time. It is now announced that nothing will come of it. The committee cannot agree on any measure, and if they could, it is extremely improbable that anything they should recommend could obtain the approval of the House. The same committee has had before it the subject of free ships. It has gone through the same process, and with the same result. A good deal of time has been devoted to hearing arguments and taking "testimony," as it is curiously called. It is not probable that we shall ever have the benefit of a report on either question, or of the publication of the testimony. A measure has also been set on foot to regulate inter-State commerce, a subject of sufficient importance, certainly, and one which has attracted a great deal of attention. Hearing is now being given to the representatives of the various railroad lines to be affected by the bill; but it is certain that no legislation will follow, and probably no report will be made.

On the other hand, in the Senate, by the greatest promptness and energy on the part of Mr. Edmunds, having the advantage of previous consideration of the subject by his committee, a bill has been passed providing a partial remedy for the confusion which exists regarding the counting of the Electoral votes. But the bill is opposed in the House; a counter proposition, of the most extreme and remarkable character, has been brought forward, and it is not likely that any bill whatever will become a law. Such measures as are completed in the meantime are rushed through with indecent haste, no sufficient time is allowed for mature deliberation, and millions are wasted for want of method and responsibility in legislation. Congress, beset with innumerable projects, does very little thoroughly, and does nothing at all in regard to the great body of bills which are submitted to it.

It would be a great deal better for the country if the attention of Congress could be confined during the short session to the appropriation bills, and to the uncompleted work of the preceding session. Of course, no hard and fast rule could be embodied either in the Constitution or in the statutes regulating this matter, but a little practical common sense on the part of members would go a great way toward settling the difficulty. If they would refrain from crowding the files of the two houses with propositions for which there is no earthly hope of even consideration, to say nothing of favorable action, time would be left to do with reasonable leisure and thoroughness the work that must be done. But so long as the great majority of Congressmen guide their conduct, not by the public interests, but by what they think will render them popular in their limited constituencies, we are not likely to see much improvement. At present things are going from bad to worse at each short session.

GERMAN SOCIALISTS WANTED.

Before the withdrawal of the German Parliamentary Discipline bill, it was noted in Germany, with some surprise, that the measure had created more excitement outside of Germany than at home. The provisions of that bill did seem obnoxious to a stranger, and especially to Americans, accustomed as we are to the utmost freedom of debate. But it is always easier for people to become inflamed by the misfortunes of remote nations than to be moved by circumstances nearer home. It is a demonstrable proposition that good Americans pass more sleepless nights and anxious days on account of the Anti-Socialist laws of Germany than even the Germans do. We can imagine one of our excellent Communists shaking a sleepy German by the shoulder and crying, "Wake up, there! Don't you know that you are a victim of the most crushing tyranny on earth?" The victim of tyranny smiles drowsily and takes another mug of beer. No, he does not know that he is persecuted and downtrodden. Sometimes his good-natured, stolid face beams with a ray of intelligence when his voluble French friend shows him the malevolent oppression of the Kaiser, but, on the whole, he is content to let his friends do his sweating and relieve his mind for him. And it must be admitted that his friends very much enjoy doing it.

The defenders of human liberty throughout the world held a meeting at Chickering Hall the other night, in which German despotism was very severely handled. If the Kaiser or that bad man, Bismarck, could have heard what was said about them, they would undoubtedly have felt, as Warren Hastings did on a certain occasion, that they were the basest criminals on the earth. There was a painful lack of Germans. The meeting was arranged for the purpose of giving naturalized Germans an opportunity to ventilate their wrongs; but, in the language of the Chairman, Mr. John Swinton, of the editorial staff of our brilliant contemporary, the New-York *Sun*, "the Germans had decamped." Not one was to be found. Vainly the Chairman rapped his knuckles on the stand and demanded to know if there were any down-trodden Germans in the hall who would like to ascend the platform and recite their wrongs. Not a down-trodden responded. It was proposed to send out agents with lassoes and compel some fugitive German Socialist to come in, just as the good fathers of the California mission were used to lasso Indians who were to be baptized into the faith. Where was the use, moaned the Chairman, of organizing a meeting of German Socialists to denounce German Anti-Socialist laws, if the German Socialists would not attend? The meeting in this respect was a failure. "They had crawled out of it," said the disappointed Chairman, although he had understood that they were "the most voluble nation on the face of the earth."

The failure of the German-American Socialists to rise to the emergency is one of the most discouraging signs of the times. In consequence of the laudable efforts of the Socialists in Germany to reduce the number of crowned heads, by means of shot-guns and other weapons, this peaceful and patriotic class is outrageously persecuted. Men who have gone out gunning for Emperors have actually been put to death; and such a popular prejudice has been created against sportsmen of this variety that the relatives of one of them changed their names in order to disguise their relationship to the unsuccessful marksman. When it was discovered that certain Socialist societies, were preparing to kill Emperors, Princes, and other imperial vermin, stringent laws were enacted against them, and these oppressed people were notified that they must not interfere with business of the crowned heads. A thrill of indignation ran along the cable under the briny depths of the Atlantic, and Mr. Justus Schwab called an impromptu meeting of exiled patriots at his lager-beer shop. It was numerously attended. A great deal of beer was drank, and the resolutions of the assemblage took the shape of 5-cent nickels, which flowed into Schwab's money-drawer like the leaves of Vallambrosa. There was no lager at Chickering Hall the other night. Neither were there any German Socialists.

Why this lukewarmness? Why do not the heart-broken exiles of despotism rise up and denounce the tyrannical laws of "the man of blood and iron"? Is it possible that the German-Americans are so sleek and comfortable in their republican American homes that they do not care for their persecuted brethren beyond the sea? Is it possible that they do not know that king-killing, like poaching, is declared unlawful, and that a Socialist who takes aim at a paltry Emperor is actually arrested and tried as if he were an ignominious chicken-stealer? These are the facts, and yet, strange to say, our German Socialist friends stolidly drink their lager while Swinton, Citizen Drury, and the seedy young man with eye-glasses combine to blister Bismarck and make things hot for the crowned heads. It is a bad sign when victims of tyranny do not know when they are victims of tyranny. It is lamentable that Americans and Bohemians should be compelled to manage the denouncing business, while those who are most interested (or should be) in this attempt to make tyranny tremble placidly look on and smile. But Germany is a great way off, and even the thunder-tones of the Chickering Hall meeting must roll over the heads of many abuses nearer home before the bad old Kaiser will hear them. Unless our fellow-countrymen can secure a few real victims to assist in the next protest against German imperialism they had better take up some native-born grievance. It is a pity to waste so much useful sympathy on a foreign country which does not seem to want it.

One of the most remarkable productions of the late George S. Hillard was a lecture delivered in his thirty-eighth year on the "Connection between Geography and History." This was the first presentation in the Republic of the principles of comparative physical geography, afterward unfolded by Guyot in his work, "The Earth and Man," made up from a course of lectures given in Boston. Hillard's "Life of Captain John Smith," after it had appeared in Sparks' "American Biography," was republished in England without the author's name, as a native performance. In early life he was regarded, no doubt justly, as far superior, intellectually, to Charles Sumner, whose law partner he temporarily was, and he would probably have achieved much more in politics, had he possessed Sumner's excessive industry and adhesiveness of purpose. Although he had been six years a paralytic, he retained full mental vigor and all his wonted cheerfulness to the last. Allusion has been made in some of the newspapers to his domestic unhappiness. His marriage was a most striking instance of temperamental incompatibility. Both he and his wife were amiable, estimable, and affectionate, but totally devoid of sympathy one with the other. They could no more coalesce than oil and water; and yet each made a heroic struggle during 40 years to this end. They separated only two years ago, their common friends having decided that separation was the best thing, as the author's growing ailment rendered any leak of spiritual or mental concord too serious to be longer endured. The ill-assorted couple had great respect for one another; but any approach to harmony was simply impossible. In the first years of their marriage they had a son, and his loss was an affliction from which the father never entirely recovered. It very rarely happens that so excellent and admirable a man and woman as Mr. and Mrs. Hillard have been hopelessly prevented, by radical differences of constitution and disposition, from making one another happy.

Germans of a statistical turn are letting in a considerable amount of uncomfortable light upon the social condition of those who live in their capital city. Every one knows that Berlin is a town of hasty creation. From a quiet, well-ordered place, it has within a few years expanded into a great, bustling metropolis. But, though there has been a gain in size, it cannot be said that the city has increased proportionately in other desirable respects; on the contrary, the aggregation of human waste and misery seems to have outstripped the growth in population. Take one curious change, that is, the increase in the number of those who live on third stories. In 1861 they were only 3½ per cent. of the population, while in 1871 the proportion had risen to 8½ per cent, and since that time the increase has been gradual, though slow. Every year the ratio of citizens of Berlin who live in cellars grows larger, while the number of those who pass through the rigors of a North German Winter without a fire or stove in their rooms is terribly large. Besides this, it is estimated that one-eighth of the entire population is composed of men and women who are little better than tramps, living from hand to mouth, and only working when forced to do so. Perhaps these facts may account for the rapid spread in Berlin of Socialism, as this is a theory wonderfully attractive to those who have nothing to lose by any change.

The bitter jest recently leveled at the great champion of French Republicanism, by changing the phrase "Vous m'embêtez" (you bore me) into "Vous me Gambetez," is a fair illustration of the well-known saying that the enemies of a French politician always aim at coupling him with some ridiculous association. Indeed, the party warfare of France, for generations past, has been chiefly waged by means of those nicknames in which her people excel. One of Louis XV.'s quatre favorites was actually driven from Paris by the mockery which converted his newly-acquired title of La Vendôtre into "L'Avant-hier," (the day before yesterday.) The deadliest of the countless hostile epithets applied to Marie Antoinette was that of "La Boulangère," (the bakeress,) which kept alive the absurd calumny that she had withdrawn a quantity of grain from the public stores, in order to sell it for her own benefit. The fate of the Directory of 1795 was sealed the moment France began to speak contemptuously of its members as "Les Avocats," (the lawyers.) The massacre of the 4th of December was needed to efface the nickname of "Soulouque" applied to Louis Napoleon, in stinging allusion to the mock Emperor of the Haytian negroes, and there can be little doubt that the spirit fostered on that occasion by touching the soldiers of the Algerian Army to speak of the Parisians as "Bedouins" rendered the butchery ten-fold more bloody than it would otherwise have been.

The late J. Blair Scribner was so much admired and loved by his maternal grandfather, Hon. John I. Blair, after whom he had been named, that the latter had determined, it is said, to leave him a large amount of property. He was so desirous that his elder grandson should be the senior partner of the publishing house that he bought, it is said, Mr. Armstrong out of the firm in order that its style might be changed from Scribner, Armstrong & Co. to Charles Scribner's Sons. By this change the entire financial responsibility and management of the house devolved upon Blair Scribner, who was very capable and ambitious, though not strong enough to endure the strain. He had been ailing for some time, and his physician had urged him last Autumn to go South for rest and recreation. But he was unwilling to leave his post, and by rigidly adhering to it he really died from overwork. Had Mr. Armstrong remained in the firm, it is not unlikely that Blair Scribner would still have been alive. Thus his grandfather's generosity defeated the very purpose he had so fondly cherished. The uncertainty of life and death is shown in the fact that Blair Scribner, less than 30, is dead, while his grandfather, John I. Blair, is yet vigorous at over three score and ten. Few young men had brighter prospects or more to live for than Blair Scribner, and his early death illustrates the bitter sarcasm of fortune.

In spite of the careful study that has been given to the disease, diphtheria must still be classed as an unexplainable physical disorder. For a long time it was supposed to be of modern origin, but medical historical research has shown that there is good reason for thinking that it prevailed with deadly effect in India as long ago as 600 B. C., and that the fatal epidemic called in the Talmud "askara" was essentially diphtheritic in its character. But from this time forward to the seventeenth century there is no disease described with which it can be compared. At that time there were many deaths from this cause, but it appears to have made a complete leap over the eighteenth century, and not to have been taken into professional account until about twenty years ago. Since that time, 1858, it has been intermittent in its severity, when any given locality is considered, though it has never disappeared, when this and other large districts are taken into account. What regulates its coming and its going is, however, an unsolved mystery. Of the nature of the disease itself the same uncertainty exists, some physicians classing it with the very common disorder known as croup, while others, of seemingly equal authority, maintain that there is no connection between the two. Indeed, almost as much is learned by what it does not do as by what it does. In this way it has been repeatedly shown that it is governed by family or constitutional attractions, since, when one member of a family has it, other members of the household are much more liable to be attacked by it than friends or nurses who are not related by blood ties, even though the exposure in the latter case should be greater than in the former. In view of the number of cases of sickness from this cause in this City at the present time, it would be well for all to bear this last-named circumstance in mind, for the frequency with which two or more members of a family die within a short time from this disease is one of its most painful features. It is, at least, satisfactory to know that the number who recover is now much larger than it once was, for in ancient times it was styled an incurable complaint, while the present rate of mortality from this cause is less than 40 per cent, of those who suffer from it. The fact of its complete absence through long terms of years certainly indicates its possible preventability, and in these days of enlightened medical research it will be strange if some way is not discovered of stamping it out as effectually as small-pox has been eradicated.

In consequence of the prospectively unprofitable character of most of the great mercantile parents in England, and the ill-success that has attended many of the investments made by British capitalists in foreign national loans, it is probable that the amount of unemployed money held in London seeking secure investments is larger now than it usually is. This sum, under ordinary conditions, has been estimated to be about £120,000,000, but it would not be surprising if it now footed up to £150,000,000, for many of the large landed proprietors have not yet begun to feel the contracting pressure of hard times upon their incomes. Under these circumstances, if our business interests revive within the next year or two, it would not be strange if English capital was to flow this way to supplement our own in the development of our various industries. There are certain American investments which are not likely for a long time to come to prove attractive to foreign capitalists. Among these may be ranked the loans of certain Southern and Western States; the stock of railroads, particularly those in the West, and shares in mining ventures. In all of these British investors have had bitter experiences, and the lesson so hardly learned is likely to be remembered. But these, while they represent many of the channels through which floating money is absorbed, do not include countless opportunities for using capital which a great and growing country like this has to offer when business is in a flourishing condition. In California the custom was adopted long ago of establishing large loaning institutions supplied wholly with funds drawn from the other side of the Atlantic, and though this has already been done here on a small scale, it is not improbable that the practice may be extended in the immediate future. In these cases, the money is placed by the foreigners in the hands of managers upon whose honesty and business keenness they can rely, and, though the scope of operations is frequently carried outside of what would be termed legitimate banking, the investors feel secure in the thought that they will not be called upon to meet unreasonable losses. It is true that this field is at present more than filled by home accumulations, as holders of bank stock know to their sorrow, but 18 months or 24 months may change all this.

VICEREGAL VISITORS AT NIAGARA.

Niagara Falls, Jan. 23.—The vicereigal party spent yesterday visiting the scenery about the Falls. The visitors followed the river on the Canadian side to the new suspension bridge, and crossed to the American side. Turning to the northward, they kept on the outskirts of the town, then, following the river road, they reached the bridge and crossed to Goat Island. Luna Island was next visited. They next went to Prospect Park, which was beautifully decorated with flags and arches, under which your correspondent, the inclined plane to the foot and below the American fall. They went thence along the rough path across the ice bridge, on which there are three saloons for the sale of refreshments. On seeing these the Marquis of Lorne laughingly remarked that it was the first time he had ever seen a refreshment booth made of solid ice with a stove burning briskly in it. They then finished the walk across the ice bridge, and taking the sleighs which were in waiting at the foot of the ferry road, returned to their hotel.

GENERAL NOTES.

Rents have fallen from 25 to 30 per cent. in Quebec.

The California Constitutional Convention has rejected all the propositions to extend the elective franchise to women.

Cincinnati papers record with evident pride that nine foundlings have been found on door-steps in that city since New Year's Day.

A Connecticut farmer and his son have been badly poisoned in the hands by buckskin gloves purchased in Bridgeport. Sumac is supposed to have been used in the tanning.

An Iowa girl eloped with her lover and was married the other day, while her dearest lady friend, closely veiled, led her aged father a wild goose chase in another direction.

Mrs. Elizabeth Cady Stanton has been delighted by the discovery that the State of Indiana exempts widows and spinsters possessing $1,000 of property from taxation on one-half that sum.

Hon. Artemas Ervin and Mr. James Cox, of Lowndes County, Miss., quarreled on Monday afternoon, 6th inst., and fell at each other with their pen-knives. Both were seriously, perhaps fatally, cut.

The Toledo brewers refuse to employ any man in cutting ice who does not furnish a ticket from a saloon-keeper patronizing them. Consequently, if a man doesn't drink beer he can't have work.

The Boston *Advertiser* says that Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes used but one pen for all his literary works from 1857 until September of last year, when he sent it to the makers to be repaired, with a "certificate of honorable service."

Of the 232 divorces in St. Louis last year, 123 were granted by default—many, probably, by collusion between the parties, and in some cases unknown to the defendant. There are now pending about 200 cases undisposed of.

A tailor in Concord, N. H., has made, in compliance with the order of an eccentric customer, a pair of trousers which measure 30 inches in circumference at the thigh and 13 inches at the ankle, and have a spring-bottom of 24 inches.

The use of pennies in St. Louis, which was begun about a year ago, is reported to be increasing, and many citizens are finding them not only endurable but indispensable. And this is found true not only of the poorer classes but of wealthy people.

The *National Journal of Education* prints letters from Prof. Andrew P. Peabody, D. D., of Harvard College; William Lloyd Garrison, and John G. Whittier, disapproving military drill in schools as tending to the cheapening of human life and the reckless use of deadly weapons.

Mr. Hugh Johnston, of Catasauqua, Penn., took his wife sleigh-riding on Tuesday. On the way she complained of feeling cold, and he wrapped her more closely in the robes. She made no further complaint, but when they reached home Mr. Johnston discovered that she was dead. Heart disease was the cause.

The Lebanon *Courier* predicts that Gov. Hoyt will make one of the most popular Executives Pennsylvania has ever had. It says he is a genial gentleman, in full sympathy with the people, with a personal magnetism that wins the regard of all who approach him, added to which are an honest purpose and a natural and cultured ability.

Gen. Wade Hampton, of South Carolina, has been interviewed again. He says he is a hard-money man of the strictest sect, but thinks resumption was had too suddenly and has cost too much. He would have neither greenbacks nor national bank notes, and, in fact, wants no other financial institutions than State banks. He says that South Carolina ought to pay its debts, and admits that there were "irregularities" in the late election. Looking forward, he expresses the belief that the Democracy can succeed in 1880 on the platform of constitutional rule, self-government, and no centralism.

AMUSEMENTS.

"IL TROVATORE" AT BOOTH'S.

Mr. Strakosch's company, with the addition of Mme. De Muralt, gave a performance of "Trovatore" last evening at Booth's Theatre which was worthy of much praise. The house was full, and the artists who sang had no cause to complain of a lack of appreciation. Mme. De Muralt's *Leonora* was a meritorious performance, but the role demands dramatic force and the grand style, which Mme. De Muralt does not possess beyond scores of other *Leonoras* who have appeared on the New-York stage. Indeed, her rendering of the part was not up to the standard of some artists who are not yet forgotten. She sang, however, carefully, and introduced some of her exceptionally brilliant high notes and florid execution, which never fail to arouse the enthusiasm of an audience. The triumphs of the evening were Miss Cary's *Azucena* and Mr. Adams' *Manrico*. Miss Cary was in superb voice, and sang, as she acted, with the skill of an experienced artist. If she would contrive to make herself look like *Azucena*, and sacrifice the attractiveness of her stage presence to the dramatic requirements of the part, she would in every sense be entitled to the first place on the operatic stage in this role. It was, nevertheless, a noble performance by Miss Cary, and received, as it deserved, the heartiest applause. Mr. Adams was in better voice than he has been on any other evening of the season, and gave a spirited and artistic rendering of the part of *Manrico*, which improved as it progressed. In the duet with *Azucena*, in the fourth act, he was without fault, and no better performance of this favorite part of the opera has been heard for many a day. Signor Fantuzzal was not particularly good as the *Count*. The minor parts and the chorus were fairly given, but the orchestra, as usual, were inclined to be noisy, and the conductor had his hands full in his efforts to keep them under control.

GENERAL MENTION.

This evening the *Lizzards* may be seen at the Broadway Theatre in "Our Boys." This amusing play will be given at the two performances to-morrow.

Mr. Charles Fechter will make his appearance on the Boston stage next month in the "Duke's Motto." Later in the season he is expected to play in this City.

Unusual preparations are now being made at Niblo's for the coming revival of that ancient and well-worn spectacle "The Black Crook." This seems to indicate a return to the "good, old times," as the vague past is generally termed.

It may be well to recall the fact that the hundredth anniversary of the death of David Garrick, the most illustrious name in English theatrical annals, occurred last Monday. Davy—as Johnson affectionately called him, the same Johnson who had previously lampooned him—died on the 20th of January, 1779. His last appearance was made in "King Lear."

On the return of Mlle. Aimée to the Park Theatre in April, a company made up mostly of new faces will be introduced to the public. The second prima donna will be Mlle. Berthe Legrand, who is unknown here, and the tenors will be M. Guieux and M. De Hovey. Offenbach's latest success, "Madame Favart," is one of

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PROPOSITIONS AND DISCUSSIONS IN THE ASSEMBLY.

MORE SUGGESTIONS FOR INSURANCE LEGISLATION—THE REPRESENTEN ATTACKED—A SUBSTITUTE FOR MR. BROOKS' RESOLUTION ABOUT THE INFERIOR COURTS TABLED—TALKING ABOUT SALARIES IN THIS CITY.

ALBANY, Jan. 23.—In the order of introduction of bills to-day, Mr. Skinner brought forward the bill, of which an outline was sent yesterday, proposing the abolition of the Insurance Department. Upon Mr. Fish's request, the bill was read through as introduced. It was listened to with attention, puzzling some members, while it astonished others. In the line of life insurance matters, Mr. Bagley introduced a bill requiring life insurance companies to issue paid-up policies to policy-holders upon lapsed policies in certain cases. Mr. Ogden, of Kings, introduced a bill in relation to foreign insurance companies doing business in this State. It provides that no company organized under the laws of any foreign Government shall hereafter be admitted to transact the business of fire insurance in this State, unless it shall have deposited in the Insurance Department as security for its policy-holders in this State a sum at least equal to $500,000, provided, however, that this act shall not apply to any such foreign company now authorized to transact such business in this State. Such sum of $500,000 deposited with the Insurance Department shall be invested in the manner now provided by law as to the assets of insurance companies organized under the laws of this State.

Mr. Wells, of Westchester, introduced a bill designed to check abuses in the appointment of Referees, particularly in the City of New-York. It is well known that some of the Judges have had their favorite Referees, to whom they have referred cases in spite of the protest of all parties to the action, the court claiming the right to appoint any one, even if the parties to the suit were willing to agree upon some one else. It is believed by the promoter of the bill that there is no reason why parties should not agree upon a Referee of their own selection. Mr. Wells' bill provides that in actions to foreclose mortgages, for partition of real estate and for the admeasurement of dower, whenever a referee shall be appointed for any purpose, the court shall appoint as such Referee any reputable attorney of the Supreme Court that may be agreed upon by the plaintiff and men of the defendants who have appeared by attorneys and in cases where none of the defendants have appeared, then the court shall appoint as such Referee any reputable attorney of the Supreme Court, nominated by the plaintiff or his attorney, provided that no person shall be appointed as Referee who holds any position as clerk of either branch of the Legislature, or who has any interest whatever in the action.

Mr. Varnum to-day revived the discussion, opened by Mr. Brooks, upon the question of the reduction of salaries in New-York City. He moved Mr. Brooks' resolution regarding the inferior courts from the table, and offered a substitute for it, as follows:

Whereas, The financial report of the Senate of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment of the City of New-York that the expenses of maintaining the judiciary of said City, including the office of the Commissioner of Jurors, for the year 1879, will reach the enormous sum of $968,464, as more fully appears in said report; and

Whereas, In the judgment of this House the expenses of this branch of the City Government can be greatly reduced without in any degree impairing the efficiency of the administration of justice.

Resolved, That it be referred to the Committee on Affairs of Cities to hear, determine, and report in the interest of economy and the public good, the remedies to reduce the expenses and to remove other abuses, if any, growing out of the administration of justice in the City of New-York.

After the Clerk had read the proposed substitute, Mr. Brooks, who was evidently not satisfied, desired to have it read twice, namely, as his resolution and the substitute. This the Speaker decided could not be done. Mr. Brooks then reiterated his reasons for aiming his resolution at the Court of General Sessions, which was that it is a court established by legislative action and within its control. Mr. Hayes said that he had intended that this should be the last session that he would attempt to obstruct the member from Richmond, he objected to passing a resolution to instruct the Committee on Cities. The whole matter should be referred to the committee, and he therefore called up his resolution regarding the scaling down of salaries, which he offered as the amendment to the amendment of Mr. Varnum. Mr. Varnum rather hastily accepted the amendment. Then Mr. Strahan expressed his opinion that the scope of the inquiry about to be undertaken should be wider. It should be extended to all the boards and departments. He then went over the resolution of Dr. Hayes, calling attention to the expense of which a Justice of the Peace is entitled to strike at the salaries of certain employes.

Mr. Hayes, speaking more directly than the gentleman from New-York, suggested that the phraseology of the resolution was not all-important. He favored Mr. Brooks' resolution, because he believed in good generalship to attack the enemy in detail. If all departments were assailed together, opposition would be concentrated. He trusted that the object of the resolution would not be frittered away by referring it to the Committee on Cities. Mr. Fish asked whether it would not be better to have local authorities fix the salaries, rather than that the Legislature, knowing nothing about them, should attend to the matter. Further on, Mr. Strahan alluded to the action of the Governor, who had vetoed bills to reduce similar honors, which he (Mr. Strahan) considered an unconstitutional interference with local authority. It was Mr. Strahan's opinion that it would not do to mince matters by attacking in detail. The bill to reduce salaries should be comprehensive. There was public opinion enough in favor of such a bill to overcome the Governor's veto. He had proposed to introduce such a bill at an early day. Mr. Husted, seeing that the discussion, which was becoming tiresome to the Assembly, was likely to result unpleasantly, moved to lay the whole matter on the table, but not until he and Dr. Hayes had had a sharp passage, in which Mr. Husted objected very decidedly to the introduction of Mr. Hayes that he was opposed to reducing salaries in New-York. The motion was carried.

THE SENATE'S WORDS AND DEEDS.

LOOKING AFTER RECEIVERS OF SAVINGS BANKS—THE BILL ABOUT COMMISSIONERS OF WATER-SUPPLY FOR NEW-YORK PASSED—A PROPOSED NEW CAPITOL CELEBRATION.

ALBANY, Jan. 23.—Lieut.-Gov. Dorsheimer presented to the Senate this morning the report of the Capitol Commission, of which he is a member, and the reading of which was listened to with marked attention. The Commissioners invite the searching scrutiny of the Legislature and of the public into their official acts, both as regards their economy and wisdom.

The report of the Acting Superintendent of Banks was received in answer to Senator Jacobs' inquiry as to the number of savings banks that had failed in the last 10 years, the names of Receivers, &c. The Superintendent says he is unable to give the names of Receivers or any details of their acts, for the reason that when a Receiver is appointed the bank is taken out of the jurisdiction of the Bank Superintendent, and the law does not compel him to report to anybody but the court that appointed him. He advises a change in the law so as to require reports to be made also to the Bank Department, where the public naturally looks for information. He says he has asked for information from several Receivers, who have declined to furnish it. Mr. Jacobs said that, from information he had received, he was satisfied that some of these Receivers were putting the money of depositors into their own pockets, where they intended to keep it as long as possible, and it was very likely there were the men who refused information to the Bank Superintendent. He therefore offered a resolution, which was adopted, calling upon the Superintendent for the names of those Receivers who had refused to answer his inquiries.

Judge Robertson's bill, enlarging and simplifying the powers of the Commissioners appointed last Winter to take steps for procuring an additional supply of water for New-York, was read a third time and passed, with only one dissenting vote—Senator Ten Eyck. The bill was drawn by the Corporation Counsel of New-York, and its passage asked for by all the persons officially interested in the work of procuring an additional water-supply. Senator Wagner asked and received unanimous consent for the passage of a bill authorizing the Controller to issue duplicate certificates to the Manhattan Savings Institution in place of those stolen from that bank last Fall.

Senator Robertson offered a resolution, which was adopted, calling upon the New-York Police Commissioners to report, in 10 days, what steps they have taken to enforce the law of pedlarage, and under what authority they are acting.

Senator Harris called up a resolution, offered by him two weeks ago, for the appointment of a joint committee of the two houses to take into consideration the propriety of getting up some kind of a commercial whereby the transfer of the Legislature from the old to the new capitol might be properly celebrated. The resolution passed. A long discussion followed, in which the Albany lobby of overtaxedly clamoring the new Capitol was humorously and unsparingly treated. Mr. Robertson thought it would be well to wait until the entire work was finished, instead of allowing to any one the opportunity to say, like Mr. St. John, that he had no objection to the appropriation, if it was done without expense to the State, but he thought that for the present the people would pay very cheerfully to pay the bills for the work that they found it necessary to do. Mr. Robertson's speech was the hit of the day. Mr. Rogers, who appeared to be the only citizen man in the Senate, objected to Mr. Robertson for the offensive manner shown in celebration in which he was only a guest and the expense of which was paid by the citizens of Albany, as something "we" had done. He would remind Senators that for the last three years not a cent had been paid in taxes by the people of the State for the new Capitol. All the appropriations had been taken from unexpended balances or appropriations for other purposes. This brought Mr. Jacobs into the discussion. He quoted the laws of 1877, from which it appeared that over $1,000,000 was raised by tax that year for the new Capitol. The debate finally ended in the adoption of the resolution for the appointment of a committee. The motive for the whole thing is said to be to afford an opportunity for certain Senators and Assemblymen to air their eloquence in making speeches at the proposed celebration.

Senator Murphy introduced, by request, a bill transferring the Dock Department of New-York to the Department of Public Works. Also, by request, a bill providing for a reduction of the number of Judges of the Marine Court to four, by forbidding the election of successors to the next two Judges who e terms expire.

COST OF THE NEW CAPITOL.

THE COMMISSIONERS' REPORT OF THE PROGRESS OF THE WORK—THEY THINK THE STRUCTURE CAN BE COMPLETED FOR $4,200,000.

ALBANY, Jan. 23.—The New Capitol Commissioners have submitted to the Legislature their report of the work of the past year. Its main points are as follows:

They report that they have expended during 1878 the sum of $1,026,463 72, and that there was on hand the sum of $21,272 66, being the unexpended balance of the appropriation made by the act of May 13, 1876. There is now due and unpaid and to become due upon contracts $340,910 14. During the year 1878 the north centre section of the new Capitol has been finished and furnished. The Assembly Chamber, with its appurtenances, has been made ready for the Assembly. The room designed for the Court of Appeals has been prepared for the use of the Senate, and several adjoining apartments have been fitted up for the officers of that body. Four rooms have been furnished and set apart for the Governor, and about 30 minor apartments have been prepared for committee-rooms and other purposes. The walls of the south centre section, and those upon the court have been raised to the roof line. A sidewalk has been built along the north side of the building, the street in front thereof has been repaved, and three crosswalks have been laid across Washington-avenue. One-half of the basement of the whole building has been finished. All the exterior drains have been completed, and pipe laid a distance of half a mile, giving the building an independent water supply.

"On the 19th day of January, 1878," the report continues, "in answer to the resolution of the Assembly, the New Capitol Commissioners transmitted an estimate of the cost of the completion of the new Capitol made by the Superintendent and the architects, by whom it was stated that the building could be built and furnished for the sum of $5,198,622. Since the said estimate was made, a large portion of the new Capitol has actually been finished and furnished, and we are, therefore, able to test the accuracy of our estimate by the result of last year. The finished portion is about one-quarter of the area of the building, and it is considered that it contains two of the three great rooms, one of the three stair-cases, one-half of the heating apparatus, five of the seven elevators, one-third of the furniture, one-half of the entire water supply, the whole exterior drainage, and that one-half of the basement has been finished; also, the walls of the court and the south-centre section have been built up to the roof line. It is clear that the work done last year bears a larger proportion than one-fourth to the work estimated upon in 1875. One-quarter of the estimate last year is $1,299,066 25. The work actually done in 1878 and materials actually purchased and paid for were $1,294,227 72. Therefore, if we are correct in supposing that one-quarter of the work estimated for last year has been completed, it is clear that we are quite within our estimate. After carefully considering the subject, and in view of last year's experience, we renew our statement of January, 1877, and say that for the sum of $4,200,000 additional appropriation all existing liabilities may be paid and the new Capitol finished and furnished. The Commissioners have reason to believe that the building can be contracted for within the said sum, to be completed in two years from the date of such appropriation.

"The resolution of the Assembly above referred to asks the commission for an estimate of the cost of administering the new Capitol after the same shall be completed. * * * There is doubtless great danger of waste and extravagance in this direction. The expenditures of the Capitol at Washington amount, or we are informed, to about $300,000 per annum. We are of opinion, however, that the new Capitol may be cleaned, lighted, warmed, and in all respects properly cared for for a moderate sum; but to accomplish this it is, in our opinion, necessary that the administration should be kept free from partisan influence. To that end a force of 43 men has been organized to serve during the session of the Legislature, who will take care of the machinery, attend the fires, run the elevators, and do all the work of cleaning the building, and also perform all police duty. The appointments to this force have been equally divided between the political parties, and it is proposed that the men shall serve during good behavior. We believe that upon a system like this the cost of maintaining the new Capitol, when the same shall be completed, may be brought within $75,000 a year, and our estimate for maintenance during the year 1879 is $85,000."

NATIONAL GUARD METHODS.

ALBANY, Jan. 23.—At the meeting of the National Guard Association to-day, the Committee on Amendments to the Code reported adversely on the amendment extending the term of service to seven years; also adversely to recommending the exemption clause of $1,000; also as to the State paying pensions, recommending the amendment be referred to the Executive Committee with power; also adversely to appointing an additional Second Lieutenant to every separate company. It was resolved that all matters for legislative action be submitted to the Adjutant-General for approval. A resolution was adopted that every member of the National Guard be required to attend 20 parades or drills before being entitled to his discharge. The matter in relation to loading and firing was then considered. Various tactics were recommended, but, on motion, the whole matter was laid over. A report of the Committee on Rifle Practice was referred to the Executive Committee. The committee on the proposed tax exemption of members of the National Guard reported that it had consulted the Acting Adjutant-General in regard to it, and he said he was heartily in favor of it. The report was accepted and adopted. The matter of reducing the number of returns now prepared by officers was referred to the Acting Adjutant-General to see what could be done as to reducing them. Cols. Belknap, Clark, and Cregar were appointed to consult with him on the subject. The following-named officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Col. A. J. Parker; First Vice-President, Gen. J. M. Varian; Second Vice-President, Gen. W. F. Rodgers; Treasurer, Col. W. H. Thompson; Recording Secretary, Major B. V. Young; Corresponding Secretary, Major M. B. Farr; Chaplain, Rev. J. F. Duryea. After the annual address this evening the association attended a banquet at the Delavan House. The next annual meeting will be held in New-York on Jan. 22, 1880.

RAILROAD TROUBLE REPORTED SETTLED.

ALBANY, Jan. 23.—It is reported here that the controversy concerning the laying of the track of the Boston, Hoosac Tunnel and Western Railway across the Hart estate, at Schaghticoke Point, has been arranged, and workmen are placing the iron bridge across the river. Through trains from Mechanicsville to Eagle Bridge will be running in 15 days. The grading from Eagle Bridge eastward is being prosecuted with vigor.

FOOD TO REMAIN CHEAP.

The bottom fell out of the bull movement in breadstuffs and provisions yesterday, and the whole speculation was beaten. Pork declined 45 cents per barrel and lard 20 cents per 100 pounds from the highest figures of Wednesday. The stories put afloat during the past few days by the bulls have all proved on investigation to be without basis in fact, thus leaving the movement without a leg to stand upon. It is believed that the speculators who started the rise have quietly unloaded upon the gudgeons they drew into their trade. The foreign advices were less favorable, and had a tendency to check export and depress business. Freights for grain for prompt shipment, on both, were strong and some by steam were engaged. Sailing vessels were steadily and tonnage was offered less freely. Ship-owners anticipate a hardening of the freight market, and were consequently less eager for engagements. All these causes, together with the thaw and the abundance of money, contributed to render the markets generally weaker. Winter wheat and corn, both spot and options, were much depressed.

A PARRICIDE ARRESTED.

At a late hour last night Detectives O'Connor, of the Eleventh Precinct, arrested Martin Coleman, Jr., of Newark, who stabbed his father during a quarrel at their residence in Newark, Jan. 16. Young Coleman had charge of several horses belonging to his father. The latter chastised his son two months ago for lying them, and the two quarreled. Coleman picked up a boot and struck his son with it. The latter drew a knife and stabbed his father in the arm, from the effects of which Mr. Coleman died on Tuesday night. Last night Detective O'Connor learned that Young Coleman had been seen in this City having fled from Newark, and, after a search, arrested the parricide late last night. He was taken to the Union Market Police Station, where he admitted that he had stabbed his father, but denied any intention of killing him. Coleman was locked up for the night, and will be taken back to Newark to-day.

YORK, Penn., Jan. 23.—Martin Bottinger, while returning home last night, was waylaid by a party of men, headed by Charles Manly, and soundly thrashed. He has a serious contusion.

A BRILLIANT RECEPTION.

LADIES' DAY AT THE UNION LEAGUE.

THE CLUB-HOUSE TURNED INTO A FLOWER GARDEN—A NOTABLE DISPLAY OF PAINTINGS—THE DISTINGUISHED GUESTS—A STRIKINGLY BEAUTIFUL SCENE.

The annual ladies' reception at the Union League Club last evening was an exceptionally brilliant social event. The vestibule of the Twenty-sixth-street entrance was banked on each side with potted palms and other exotic plants. At each turn of the staircase stood a camellia tree in full bloom, supplemented by a basket of trailing vines and sweet-smelling flowers pendent from the banisters. On the centre table in each room, throughout the building was an immense basket of cut flowers, and many of the mantels were similarly decorated. All the chandeliers were festooned with similax interwoven with flowers. The main hallway on the second floor was hung with banners of silk, embroidered with heraldic devices, and similar banners alternating with silken national flags ornamented the walls of the theatre, which served as a dancing hall. Bernstein's band were seated upon the stage, the front of which was completely banked with potted plants in full bloom, and they were farther hidden by a double silken curtain of green and crimson and gold. Every room was brilliantly lighted, and with the paintings and statues and elegant appurtenances of the club-house itself, the rich toilets of the ladies, and the glittering uniforms of the officers of the Army and Navy present, the scene was a strikingly beautiful one.

Seldom has such an excellent collection of paintings been gathered, even in the art gallery of the Union League Club, as that which delighted the guests of last evening. There were four from Mrs. A. T. Stewart's collection, including Bouguereau's great canvas, the "Return from the Harvest," and Judge Hilton contributed no fewer than 13, among which may be mentioned Beaumont's "Tomb of Philip Pot," Capobianchi's "Treasure-room of Baron Rothschild," Bridgman's "Checkmate," and Alvares's "Mme. Pompadour's Toilet." Other pictures particularly worthy of note were "The Videtas," by Meissonier, contributed by M. Knoedler & Co.; "The Dress Parade," by J. G. Brown, same owner; "Tendresse Maternelle," by Leon Perrault, from Mrs. Marshall O. Roberts' collection; "Near Chartres," by Bico, "La Parisienne," by Boldini, and "Master of Hounds," by Gérome, contributed by A. Spencer; "Birthday of Washington," by Bangnist, "Philip II. at Hampton Court," by Escosura, and "Spanish Muleteer," by Vibert, from the collection of S. P. Avery; a "Landscape," by Daubigny, contributed by Francis A. Stout; "The Seashore—Looking Eastward at Sunset," by O. K. Gifford; "Waiting for the Bathers," by E. L. Henry; "The Apprentice," by W. M. Chase; "Escort of the Pasha," by Pasini, owned by Robert Lenox Kennedy, and "Grecian Pass," by J. Elliott Gregory. There were 70 canvases in all. The gallery was lighted in the early part of the evening by an electric lamp, which brought out all the beauties of the paintings, but was severely trying on the toilets of the ladies. An accident whereby the glass receptacle underneath broke and allowed a globule of melted copper to drop upon a lady's trail, caused the withdrawal of the lamp about 10 o'clock. In smothering the incipient conflagration a gentleman scattered his glove and burned his hand. The lady's dress was only slightly damaged.

After depositing their overgarments in the rooms set aside for that purpose on the upper floors, the guests first paid a visit to the art gallery, and the next source of attraction was the supper-tables, which were set in the billiard-room beyond. The steward of the club had outdone himself in the centre of each table was an immense basket of cut flowers, and this was banked on all four sides by decorative pieces of the most intricate and artistic kind. All sorts of structures were imitated, from a red house to a church, buildings, a bee-hive, and these were variously ornamented by candied statues, flowers, fruit, birds, and animals, and by stuffed birds, all fashioned in the most artistic manner, and colored to the life. But the crowning piece of all was an immense structure representing an arch with a rocky grotto beneath. From the top hung a rope of flowers, garnished with all the beautiful mysteries known to the French cuisine, and underneath, in an artificial pond of real water, swam a dozen or two of live golden carp.

The formal reception took place in the Madison-avenue parlors of the second floor, at 10 o'clock, and half an hour later the dancing began in the theatre. There were 20 dances on the programme, mainly waltzes and galops. At this time the building was comfortably filled. The toilets of the ladies were notably tasteful and rich, and there was a brilliant display of valuable jewels. A few of those present were Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton Fish, Sr., son and daughter, Judge and Mrs. Noah Davis, Mr. and Mrs. William Sloane, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Butler, Judge Henry Hilton, Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Harper, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. John Sloane, Mr. Joseph Seligman, Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland Dodge, Mr. Cornelius Vanderbilt, Miss Minnie Stanton, Miss Kellogg, Mr. and Mrs. George DeWitt, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Charles Watson, Mr. and Mrs. Seymour A. Bunce, Hon. Elliott F. Cowdin, Hon. Chauncey M. Depew and wife, Gen. and Mrs. Edward S. Brown, Miss Bonney, Miss Barrett, Hon. Joel W. Mason, Theodore Butler and daughters, Gen. Fry, United States Army; Commodore Erben, United States Navy; Mr. and Mrs. Selah B. Walon, Josiah M. Fiske and wife, E. L. Henry, J. F. Cropsey and wife, Daniel F. Appleton, Paymaster Stevenson, United States Navy; Mr. and Mrs. Samuel F. Avery, Major E. D. Judd, United States Army; Hon. Joseph H. Choate and wife, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Darling, Gen. Arnold, Estandi Baltazzi, Rev. Dalzanne Robinson, Capt. Philippe, Asa Bird Gardiner, Leonard Jerome and daughter, Hon. Thomas Murphy and daughter, Charles L. Desbarats, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sandoz, Dr. Edward Kershaw, Mr. and Mrs. George C. Magoun, Gen. Horace Porter, Hon. Isaac H. Bailey and daughter, Rufus F. Andrews, Charles L. Tiffany, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Wagner, Commodore Nicholson, United States Navy; Gen. J. G. Barnard, Gen. Benham and wife, Capt. Thomas Wilson, Gen. Hamilton, Col. Bird, Assistant Surgeon J. P. Kimball, Col. Fletcher Harper, Mr. Mrs. Cornelius Groot, Miss Groot, Mr. F. B. Hilton, Gen. Alexander J. Perry, Brayton Ives and wife, Mrs. Shillaber, of California, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Southwick, M. Glenzer, of Paris, Miss Vance, George Cabot Ward, and several hundred others.

At 11:30 o'clock supper was served, and the hungry guests did ample justice to the bountiful and varied menu that had been provided. In addition to the room before described, the entire first story had been converted into a series of supper rooms, and these were constantly filled with family parties who did not care to mingle with the throng below. It was after midnight when the last guests took their departure. The success of the reception is largely due to the following committees:

Committee of Arrangements—Fletcher Harper, S. Franklin Stanton, George W. Dillaway.

Art Committee—James W. Pinchot, Cyrus Butler, Edward L. Henry, Francis A. Stout, Frank Waller, Stephen H. Tyng, Jr., George McClure.

Floor Committee—Frederick C. Richardson, William Carpenter, Charles C. Worthington, W. R. D. Sackett, Henry D. Sally, Gilles, Edward H. Dyer, Isaac V. Rea, Gilbert E. Jones, Alexander G. McCosh, Daniel Loud, Jr., T. Chesley Richardson, Isaac Henderson, Jr., William A. Paton, Thomas L. Hanson, Jr.

Reception Committee—George Cabot Ward, John Jay, Robert L. Kennedy, Noah Davis, John A. Stewart, Benjamin G. Arnold, Charles L. Tiffany, E. Ogden Dunham, James Lenox Kennedy, Nathaniel Bailey, William H. Maxwell, Horace Porter, Joseph E. Gay, Frank Waller, Nathaniel A. Prentiss, Carlisle Norwood, Jr., Charles F. Hardy, Edwin D. Morgan, Enoch L. Fancher, Marshall O. Roberts, Daniel F. Appleton, Cornelius E. Agnew, Thomas Hillhouse, Adrian Iselin, J. Pierpont Morgan, Henry J. Sandoz, Charles G. Landon, Sandford R. Gifford, John Sloane, Charles Lanier, George Montague, David R. Garnier, Amos F. Eno, Robert Lenox Belknap.

THE WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY CLUB.

TENTH ANNUAL DINNER OF THE MEMBERS—ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The New-York Wesleyan University Club gave its tenth annual dinner last evening at the Westminster Hotel. Rev. Dr. Daniel Curry, President of the club, occupied the chair, and at his right were seated Rev. Dr. G. D. Foss, President of the University; Judge George G. Reynolds, of Brooklyn; Judge Northrop, of Connecticut, and Orange Judd, a member of the University Board of Trustees. Among the other guests were Rev. Dr. J. M. King, Rev. George E. Reed, Stamford, Conn.; Rev. G. L. Thompson, and Dr. C. L. Bonnell, of Brooklyn; Profs. Van Vleck and Lanza, and Assistant Corporation Counsel Dean. Rev. Dr. Foss, in response to the toast, "The University," said that it had been found necessary to practice retrenchment in the expenses of the university, and the heaviest part of the burden had fallen on the Faculty, who, rather than permit a curtailment of the regular course of studies, had voluntarily surrendered 10 per cent of their salaries. As a result, the college was now in an encouraging financial condition. A subscription of $8,324 had enabled the Trustees to meet last year's deficit. The toast of "The Alumni" was responded to by Judge Reynolds, who said that of the 1,000 graduates of the college, one-half were ministers of various denominations, some were preaching, others practicing, and 14 were Presidents of colleges. "The Pulpit" was responded to by Rev. Mr. Reed; "The Medical Profession," by Dr. Bonnell; "The Legal Profession," by Judge Northrop; "The Board of Trustees," by Mr. Orange Judd, and "The Ladies" by Mr. W. H. Walling. Vice-President S. E. Olin pleasantly performed the duties of the "Toast-master," and several college songs were sandwiched in between the speeches. During the evening the following officers of the club were elected for the ensuing year: President, George J. M. Kimer, D. D.; Vice-Presidents, George Kelling; Secretary, W. C. Wallace; Executive Committee, R. S. Gwillim, W. R. Walkley, and Capt. John Smith.

THE OLD GUARD AT THE ACADEMY.

A PLEASANT EVENING, BRILLIANT UNIFORMS, TASTEFUL DECORATIONS, AND FINE MUSIC.

The "Old Guard" ball, at the Academy of Music last night, was one of the most enjoyable affairs, and, at the same time, one of the most picturesque spectacles which New-York has witnessed for some time. It is not often in an American city that a departure is made from the conventional black coat and white choker in gentlemen's evening costume, and the brilliant uniforms of white and blue, red and black, and other colors which were worn by at least two-thirds of the gentlemen present last evening proved a most agreeable relief to the eye. The decorations were very tastefully arranged. Upon each of the tiers of proscenium boxes four American flags were draped—two in the centre, caught up by a festoon, and one on either side. At the conjunction of the two pairs of flags were placed shields representing the armorial bearings of different countries. At the lower corner of each tier were placed suits of armor and helmets, and in each box bird-cages were suspended. From the dies at the back of the stage a double circle of gas-light jets was hung, with the letters "I. G."—Light Guard—on one side, and "C. G."—City Guard—on the other. In the space between the two circles were the words "Old Guard" and the figures "1826" and "1833," the former being the date of the formation of the Light Guard under Capt. Vincent, and the latter of the formation of the City Guard under Capt. McArdle. These two companies were afterward consolidated, and formed the nucleus of the present organization. Directly in front of the gas-jets eight American flags were suspended, four on either side, and held together by a shield bearing the American coat of arms.

On either side of the stage were placed brass cannons, with drums underneath, and guns stacked at the sides. At the back of the stage was erected a raised platform, with a canopy in the centre and a tent on the right, guarded by the soldiers in the white coat and blue trousers of the Old Guard and red-and-white-striped hats. At 10:45, and immediately after the opening overtures, a fourish of trumpets announced the arrival of the opening procession, the band struck up the "Old Guard Reception," march, and Major George W. McLean, Chairman of the Reception Committee, stepped upon the floor with Mrs. King, and was followed by innumerable couples of ladies and gentlemen, who wound their way slowly about the hall. When the procession reached the raised platform after having twice made the circuit of the floor, the sentinels with bearskin hats presented arms, and Major McLean, accompanied by a number of ladies, and officers in uniform, took his seat under the canopy and there remained until Bernstein's orchestra announced the opening quadrille, with a few strains from "Carmen." In the meantime the crowd had been steadily increasing, the proscenium boxes were all filled, and the "Artists' Row" presented a gay appearance. After the quadrille, Dowling's Band, attired in red coats with black facings and black trousers, played a stirring march, and dancing was resumed immediately afterward. Among those present were Gen. Hancock and staff, Gen. Beauregard, Gen. Jordan, of South Carolina; Señor Uriarte, Spanish Consul; D. W. Botsford, Grecian Consul; Brig.-Gen. Smith and staff, of Connecticut; Gen. Wingate, Col. Bartlett, of Gov. Robinson's staff; Col. Emmons Clark, Gen. Alexander F. Perry, Col. L. C. Bruce, Capt. Richard A. Sheridan, Gen. Vilmar and staff, Major Alcott, Capt. St. John, and a large number of military organizations.

FREEMASONS IN NEW-JERSEY.

NEW OFFICERS OF THE GRAND LODGE—CLOSING DAY OF THE ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

TRENTON, N. J., Jan. 23.—The annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, A. F. and A. M., of New-Jersey, was closed this evening. The following are the names of the Grand Officers for the ensuing year: M. W. G. M., Hamilton Wallis, Lodge of the Temple, No. 110, Jersey City; D. G. M., Joseph W. Martin, Lafayette Lodge, No. 27, Rahway; S. G. W., William Hardacre, Camden Lodge, No. 15, Camden; J. G. W., Rev. Henry Vehslage, Irvington Lodge, No. 10, Irvington; G. Treasurer, Charles Bechtel, Trenton Lodge, No. 5, Trenton; G. Secretary, Joseph H. Hough, Ashler Lodge, No. 76, Trenton; D. G. Secretary, Thomas H. Redway, Union Lodge, No. 19, New-Brunswick; G. Chaplain, Rev. Benjamin G. Lippincott, Cyrus Lodge, No. 148, Camden; G. Lecturer, Nathaniel Wells, Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 86, Paterson; G. J. W., Frederick Belts, Euclid Lodge, No. 136, Hoboken; W. German Visitor, Jacob Riegle, Tontonis Lodge, No. 72, Jersey City; G. Marshal, Charles Bass, Washington Lodge, No. 23, Elizabeth; G. Stewards, Frank T. Fry, Bergen Lodge, No. 87, Jersey City; Benjamin Squier, Lafayette Lodge, No. 27, Rahway; G. Sword Bearer, Thomas Cock, Washington Lodge, No. 6, Bordentown; G. Pursuivant, Albert Randolph, Brearly Lodge, No. 2, Bridgeton; Grand Tiler, Brother James Howell, Trenton Lodge, No. 5, Trenton. Deputy Grand Master, Grand Masters; First District, W. H. H. Waller, Temple Lodge, No. 117, Camden; Second District, Henry Haines, Burlington Lodge, No. 23, Burlington; Third District, Charles C. Stevenson, Orient Lodge, No. 150, Elizabeth; Fourth District, W. J. A. Bolton, Masonic Lodge, No. 34, Clinton; Fifth District, James A. Norton, Passaic Lodge, No. 97, Passaic; Sixth District, Jacob Guyer, Northern Lodge, No. 35, Newark; Seventh District, Thomas W. Tilden, Rising Star Lodge, No. 109, Jersey City.

One new lodge, Anchor Lodge, No. 149, of Plainfield, was chartered. There are 149 subordinate lodges in the jurisdiction. At the communication yesterday and on Tuesday, M. W. G. M. Michael Nesbitt and the officers of the Grand Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania were present as visitors. A resolution was adopted that the retiring Grand Master, Rev. Marshal B. Smith, be presented with a Past-Grand Master's jewel, and a committee was appointed to procure and present the gift.

MARINE DISASTERS.

BRISTOL, England, Jan. 23.—The Great Western Line steamer Devon, Capt. Peters, from New-York, Jan. 5, arrived here to-day. The Devon encountered very heavy weather on the passage, and lost her deck-house and sails. She was also compelled to jettison a portion of her cargo.

LONDON, Jan. 23.—The British brig J. W. Beard, Capt. Robinson, from New-York for Bayonne, which went ashore at St. Jean de Luz, Jan. 17, has gone to pieces.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Jan. 23.—The British brig Marina Corpel, hence for Beaufort, is stranded on Stono Breakers and bilged. Her officers and crew have arrived here on the tug Republic, with some of the material.

GLOUCESTER, Mass., Jan. 23.—Some anxiety is felt for the safety of the schooner Cunard, Capt. Galvin, belonging to James G. Tarr & Brother. She was fitted out in June for Greenland but failing to get a trip she went to the Banks. She was in Chatham, Oct. 20, for supplies, since which time nothing has been heard from her. It is supposed she may possibly be frozen up at Bay of Islands.

PROVINCETOWN, Mass., Jan. 23.—The schooner General Scott ran ashore on Peaked Hill bars at 5:30 A. M. to-day. Capt. Atkins and crew, of Life-saving Station No. 7, launched a life-boat and went to her assistance. They worked with the vessel's crew two hours, and succeeded in taking the vessel from her position.

SAVANNAH, Ga., Jan. 23.—The Swedish bark Atlantic, Gellof, which arrived at Darien to-day from Antwerp, reports passing a large number of cotton bales this side of the Gulf Stream, apparently only a short time in the water.

HALIFAX, N. S., Jan. 23.—The brigantine Maggie, in ballast, from the West Indies for Liverpool, Nova Scotia, went ashore yesterday near the latter port, and became a total wreck. She was owned by John D. Mackenzie, of Liverpool, and was insured for $11,000 in Halifax offices.

REPAIRING DAMAGED LIGHT-HOUSES.

NORFOLK, Va., Jan. 23.—The Light-house Board has begun the work of repairing the light-houses in this district damaged during the recent cold weather, and everything will soon be in a better condition than before. In the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries there was only one light-house wrecked—the on Jones' Island, Tangier Sound, near Crisfield, Md., which was carried away by the ice on Monday last. A working party has been sent to the spot. The ice is piled around some of the other light-houses in heavy masses, and the keepers of those built away from the shore have been cut off from the mainland for weeks, but all were prepared and supplied for the Winter before the severe weather set in. The board intends to cause 10 new beacon-lights to be placed at points between Tangier's Island, at the mouth of North Landing River, through Currituck Sound, to the entrance of the Albemarle and Chesapeake Canal, Cedar Bay, North Carolina, and the iron-work is now being constructed. A new light-house steamer, to be called the Bramble, is now being built to be used especially in carrying these beacons. She will make regular trips to light and extinguish these lanterns and the keeper will live on board.

NEW-JERSEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

TRENTON, Jan. 23.—The annual meeting of the New-Jersey Historical Society was held in this city to-day. All the old officers were re-elected. Several essays were read, among which were "The Massacre at Tappan in 1778," by Adjt.-Gen. Stryker; "The Lands of Columbus," a translation of the official report of the medical examination of the bones of the discoverer of America at San Domingo, and an essay on Prof. Joseph Henry, made by Prof. Mosley, of Princeton. There was a large attendance, and great interest was manifested in the proceedings.

IMAGINING A PAGAN JURY.

JOSEPH COOK ON MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE.

A PRELUDE ON THE CAUSES OF BUSINESS DEPRESSION—THE STANDARD OF CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.

Mr. Joseph Cook attracted a very large audience to the hall of the Young Men's Christian Association last evening to hear his lecture on "Marriage and Divorce," which he preceded by some remarks on the "Causes of Business Depression." In respect to the latter topic, the lecturer began by calling attention to the fact that for about 200 years past periods of commercial depression had been recurrent at regular intervals of 10 years. He next considered the causes to which scientists had attributed these effects, such as the spots on the sun and the fluctuations of harvests, and said that there were other causes, more directly within the province of human thought and control, which he believed had great influence in the material prosperity of the world. Among these were injudicious investments and enterprises; the tendency to over-investment in that which promised large profits, but which was destroyed because it was invested in by too many, and the inefficiency of legislation referring to commercial interests, such as injudicious bankruptcy laws, which were almost invariably opposed by the creditor class and advocated by the debtor class in business. One of the great remedies which Mr. Cook believed could be applied to a cause of this depression was to purge the Church of unworthy members; or, in other words, to set up a higher standard for church membership. Under the voluntary church system of the United States Judas does not always go out and hang himself, even when he carries the bag! Our churches were too often used as a sort of standard by which to judge of the social stature of men. There was too much of the Sunday club about them. They were cultivated as a kind of society which added to social prestige and kept families in good social flavor. He made no great a distinction between these Sunday clubs and Christian churches as he did between Christians and mere church members. The stories of defalcations from day to day, and of commercial dishonesty, involving among its participants, as many members in these fashionable church clubs, had a demoralizing effect upon honest commercial enterprise, at the same time that they tended to weaken the influence of the Church itself. He thought that the whole Christian community should begin at once the work of reform, commencing operations in the Church. If in the past the Church had an opportunity to clasp all the world within one bond by availing herself of the interdependence of commerce between the countries, let the secular arm of the Church reach around one-half the earth and the spiritual arm encircle the other half, and thus, by the aid of two world-wide bands, make a better state of thrift and lay a better basis of existence for the life of to-day and of the hereafter.

In speaking of the subject of marriage and

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

SALES AT THE STOCK EXCHANGE—JAN. 23.

FIRST BOARD—10:30 A. M.

N. Y. C. 6s, c., J. & J.	78½	Can. So. 1st g.d.	78½	Full. Pal. Car.	90
$1,000	78½	$2,000	78½	100	90
5,000	81	5,000	78½	Delaware & Hud.	44½
P. C. C. & St. L.	94	Ohio & Miss. 2d.	10	100 b.o.c.d.	44½
15,000	81½	15,000	82	100	44½
20,000	81½	1,000	82	Pacific Mail.	19
1,000	81½	5,000	82½	500 b.o.	19
N. Y. C. & H. 1st.	105	Cen. Pac. gold.	107½	P. F. C. & H.	5
48,000	79½	4,000	107½	5	b.c.115
N. Y. C. 1st con. sa.	107	C. P. 1st, C. & O. Br.	90	Erie Railway.	29½
4,000	79½	5,000	90½	2000	b.c.
1,000	79½	K. P. 1st, S. F. Br.	90	2000	29½
5,000	b.c. 79½	5,000	90	Erie Railway pf.	50
N. Y. C. Adjust.	94½	Ore. Pac. 1st.	10,000	500 b.s.30.	44½
5,000	94½	10,000	107½	Michigan Central.	80
10,000	94½	Pacific of Mo. 1st.	107½	200	b.c. 80½
N. Y. C. 1st conv.	104½	1,000	107½	L. S. & M. S.	94
1,000	b.d. 94	Pacific of Mo. 2d.	75	200	b.c. 71½
N. Y. C. conv. sa.	79½	3,000	104½	Panama.	125
1,000	b.d. 79½	K. P. 1st, C. & A. Br.	90	100	b.c.123
1,000	79½	with comp. cert.	90	Chi. & N. W.	60
1,000	79½	3,000	112½	2000	b.c. 60
1,000	79½	Kan. Pac. 1st Div.	90	400	60½
1,000	79½	Trust Rec.	90	100	60½
L. S. D. M. 1st.	77	1,000	90	100	s3. 60½
10,000	b.c. 88	C. C. & I. C. 1st.	90	600	60½
L. & W. R. con. sa.	91	1,000	91	200	b.c. 60½
7,000	4½	St. L. K. C. & N. R. R.	90	100	60½
2,000	94½	7s, '95.	101½	Chi. & R. W.	64½
M. & St. P. s. f.	100	2,000	97½	800	b.c. 64½
10,000	123	8,000	b.c. 99	C., C., C. & I.	44½
N. & Pa. s. f.	100	L. & E. R. 1st.	100	100	b.c. 44½
8,000	102½	3,000	48	100	c. 44½
2,000	102½	L. & S. 1st, s. f.	100	600	44
M. & St. P. 1st D.	100	5,000	98	500	45½
10,000	99½	C. & S. 1st, g'd by	100	Illinois Central.	98
8,000	100	Lake Shore.	100	98	b.c. 84½
2,000	100½	5,000	98½	200	84½
N. Y. C. G. G.	100	C. & S. 1st, g'd by	100	Central of N. J.	41
2,000	106½	C., C., C. & I.	100	100	b.c.b3. 41
1,000	106½	4,000	98½	M. & St. P.	40½
Sen. & Chin. 1st.	100	L. & Tenn. 1st.	100	200	b.c. 40½
5,000	108	1,000	96½	200	b.c. 40½
C., C., C. & I. con.	78	L. & N. 2d con.	78	200	40½
5,000	99½	5,000	78½	C. M. & St. P. pf.	64½
5,000	99½	2,000	78½	100	b.c. 64½
C. C. C. & I. con.	100	C. & N. 1st, g'd.	78½	Illinois Central.	82½
5,000	100	Lake Shore.	78½	100	b.c. 82½
2,000	100½	5,000	98½	Wabash.	25
M. & E. 1st con.	90½	C. C. C. & I.	78½	100	b.c. 25
7,000	92	1,000	98½	Del., L. & West.	100
R. & S. R. R. 7s.	97	Jefferson Ext.	98	1500 b.s.30.	99½
1,000	97	1,000	98	Morris & Essex.	80
R. & H. C. 7s, '94.	100	Chi. & Alton.	105	200	b.c. 80
1,000	b.c. 90½	C. L. & P. 2d, sh.	105	Chi. Bur. & Q.	71½
R. & R. C. 1st.	100	2,000	30½	100	b.c. 71½
5,000	87½	2,000	30½	Del. L. & Western.	118½
5,000	87½	5,000	87	New-Jersey So.	2
Erie 4th.	100	Fourth Nat. Bank.	100	100	2
1,000	106½	Ninth Nat. Bank.	100	100	2
R. & St. Jo. Sec. con.	100	10	70	M. K. & T.	5
1,000	106	Wells-Fargo Ex.	98	100	b.c. 5
1,000	106½	10	b.c.b3. 97½	C. Pa. W. & C. 1st.	100
R. & S. Jo. s. f.	100	Bank of Com.	100	1000	100½
1,000	100½	24	100	S. L. I. M. & S.	94
N. Y. & H. s. f.	100	St. Nicholas Bank.	100	100	b.c. 94½
1,000	15	15	73	100	94½
N. Y. Elev. 1st.	100	Adams Express.	100	200	b.c. 94½
5,000	49½	10	100½	Dub. & S. City.	100
5,000	49½	Canton.	25	50	b.c. 61
5,000	49½	Western Union.	98	Chicago & Alton.	105
10,000	b.c. 15	700	b.c. 97½	100 b.s.30.	105
N. Y. Ele. 1st.	100	600	97½	Ken. & So. Jo. pf.	37
25,000	105½	600	97½	500	b.c. 37
Niagara Falls.	100	200	97½	Ohio & Miss.	9½
5,000	108½	200	b.c.b3. 97½	50	b.c.b3. 9½
Mich. Cen. 8s, s. f.	100	1510	97½	50	9½
3,000	b.c.111				

GOVERNMENT STOCKS—11:15 A. M.

U. S. 5s, C. '81.	100	U. S. 6s, C., 1907.	100	U. S. 6s 10-40 R.	100
$100,000	b.c. 108½	$34,000	b.c. 100	40,000	100
100,000	b.c. 108½	U. S. 4½s, C. '91.	107	U. S. 4½s, C. '91.	107
U. S. 6-20 R. '67.	105	11,000	b.c. 100	25,000	100
10,000	105				

SECOND BOARD—1 P. M.

D. of C. 3.65s C.	81½	S. L. K. C. & N. R. R.		Central of N. J.	40½
$3,000	81½	7s '95.	100	100	b.c. 40½
N. C. R. & M. 1st.	90	2,000	98	200	40½
1,000	70	7s, 1st L. D.	100	200	40½
5,000	b.c. 69½	Erie 1st, coupon.	100	200	41
K. & D. M. 1st.	90	5,000	99	200	41½
1,000	88½	T. & W. 2d s. f.	70	C. & P. 6s.	100
N. J. C. 1st con.	91½	1,000	b.c. 91½	1,000	b.c. 91½
1,000	79½	T. & W. con. s. f.	70	Chi. & Alt. 1st.	105
5,000	b.c. 80	C. & S. 1st, g'd by	100	C. M. & St. P.	100
N. J. C. Adjust.	94½	Lake Shore.	100	400	b.s.125½
5,000	94½	10,000	98½	C. M. & St. P.	100
N. J. C. 1st con.	104½	10,000	98½	100	40½
1,000	104½	5,000	98½	400	40½
N. J. C. con. sa.	79½	5,000	98½	500	40½
1,000	79½	20,000	97	500	40½
1,000	79½	Ninth Nat. Bank.	100	200	40½
1,000	79½	20	b.c. 47	100	40½
1,000	79½	Adams Express.	100	100	b.s. 40½
5,000	b.c. 79½	100	100½	Wabash.	25
Mor. & Ess. con.	53	25	b.c. 100½	100	b.c. 22½
Erie 4th.	100	Pacific Mail.	19	200	22½
10,000	106	100	98½	200	b.c. 22½
R. & S. R. R. con.	100	Delaware & Hud.	100	200	b.c. 22½
3,000	103½	100	b.c. 43½	200	22½
15,000	108½	Pacific Mail.	100	200	22½
N. Y. & E. 1st (1873)	100	100	b.c. 12½	200	22½
5,000	b.c. 112½	500	12½	L. I. M. & S.	94
Can. So. 1st g'd.	100	100	12½	50	b.c. 17
$1,000	78½	N. Y. C. & H.	100	Del., L. & West.	100
2,000	78½	225	b.c. 114½	300	b.c. 52½
N. Y. Ele. 1st.	100	400	114½	400	52½
7,000	105½	Erie Railway.	100	100	52½
5,000	105½	5200	b.c. s3. 25½	200	b.c. 52½
Ohio & Miss. 2d.	100	2300	25½	Chi. Bur. & Q.	100
50,000	83	Michigan Central.	100	100	b.c. 114½
C. P. 1st, K. & N. Br.	100	250	b.c. s3. 80½	100	114½
1,000	98	L. S. & M. S.	100	K. & T.	5
C. P. 1st, C. & O. Br.	100	100	b.c. s3. 71½	100	b.c. 5
1,000	87½	100	b.c. 71½	Del., L. & W.	100
K. P. 1st Pa. D. Div.	100	Illinois Central.	100	100	b.c. 52½
with certificate.	90	100	b.c. 84½	St. L., K. C. & N.	100
8,000	78½	100	84½	100	b.c. 8
K. P. 8s, J. & R. '96.	100	Chi. & N. W.	100	100	s3. 41½
with cp. cert.	100	1800	b.c. 60½	100	41½
7,000	105	Chi. & J. W. pf.	100	100	41½
Pacific of Mo. 2d.	100	100	b.c.b3. 85½	100	41½
7,000	b.c. 104½	100	85½	100	41½
A. & T. R. 2d, pf.	100	200	85½	Ohio & Miss.	9½
1,000	23	500	s3. 85½	500	b.c.b3. 9½

GOVERNMENT STOCKS—1:30 P. M.

U. S. 5s, C. '81.	100	U. S. 5s '81, R.	100	U. S. 6s, Cur.	120½
$1,000	s3. 108½	$100,000	108½	$1,000	120½
15,000	108½	U. S. 5-20 R. '67.	107½	10,000	120½
U. S. 10-40 R.	105	10,000	b.c. 101½		
20,000	105				

SALES FROM 2:30 TO 3 P. M.

L. & W. R. con. sa.	47½	Lake Shore.	100	Central of N. J.	41½
$5,000	47½	9000	71½	500	b.s. 41½
K. P. 1st 7s, D. Div.	90	6800	b.s. 71½	100	b.s. 41½
Trust Rec.	90	1000	71½	200	41½
7,000	78½	1000	71½	200	41½
Lo. & No. 1st.	100	1000	71½	200	41½
5,000	107	800	71½	200	41½
M. & St. Jo. 8s, con.	100	1700	72	200	41½
Mich. Central 1st.	100	500	s3. 71½	100	41½
11,000	106	200	72	500	41½
N. Y. Ele. 1st.	100	100	72½	200	41½
46,000	105½	1000	72½	100	41½
Ohio & Miss. 2d.	100	1500	72½	200	41½
50,000	83½	Kansas & Texas.	100	100	41½
Cen. Pac. gold.	100	700	6	200	41½
$1,000	107½	Pittsburg.	100	100	s3. 41½
A. D. & L.	100	100	91½	200	41½
5,000	60	300	92	200	41½
Adams Ex.	100	Rock Island.	100	100	41½
50	105½	300	125½	St. Paul.	100
Denv. Pacific Co.	100	100	125½	500	40½
7	2½	200	125½	100	40½
100	2½	Fort Wayne.	100	1400	40½
Quicksilver.	100	10	106	2000	b.s. 40½
200	14	100	105½	300	40½
Full. Pal. Car.	100	North-west.	100	200	40½
50	79	300	c. 60½	100	40½
A. & Pac. Tel.	100	300	s30. 59½	St. Paul pf.	100
500	b.s. 58½	1000	60½	1000	81½
Delaware & Hud.	100	200	61	100	81½
100	44	200	61½	100	81½
100	44½	200	61½	200	81½
100	44½	200	61½	200	81½
100	44½	1100	60½	200	b.s. 81½
100	44½	300	60½	200	81½
100	b.s. 44½	400	60½	100	81½
100	44½	500	61	Wabash.	100
50	44½	100	60½	500	b.s. 22½
100	b.s. 44½	400	60½	500	b.s. 22½
Western Union.	100	North-west. pf.	100	100	22½
100	97½	100	85½	425	22½
1300	97½	100	b.s. 85½	10	22½
N. Y. C. & H.	100	200	86½	200	b.s10. 22½
100	114½	100	86	200	22½
Erie Railway.	100	100	85½	200	22½
200	25½	100	85½	200	22½
200	25½	200	85½	200	22½
1000	b.s. 25½	300	85½	200	22½
1800	b.s. 25½	1600	85½	200	22½
2000	b.s. 25½	100	85½	1000	10½
2000	b.s. 25½	Del., L. & W.	100	100	b.s. 10½
100	25½	100	c. C. & I.	100	10½
400	25½	175	45½	500	10½
1050	25½	710	45½	1200	10½
800	s3. 25½	400	45½	100	10½
1400	25½	400	45½	400	10½
2100	25½	100	45½	Ohio & Miss.	28½
1100	25½	100	45½	100	28½
Erie Railway pf.	100	800	45½	Del., L. & West.	100
100	46½	100	45½	100	52½
200	s30. 46	100	45½	100	52½
100	s30. 45½	100	45½	100	52½
100	s30. 45½	200	s. 45½	100	52½
100	s10. 46	200	s. 45½	500	52½
Pacific Mail.	100	Kansas Pacific.	100	500	52½
100	s3. 13½	100	9½	300	52½
150	13½	New-Jersey So.	100	300	52½
100	13½	100	1½	900	52½
Michigan Central.	100	Han. & St. Jo.	100	1000	52½
100	80½	100	14	St. L., K. C. & N.	100
100	80½	St. L. & S.F. 1st pf.	100	100	8½
100	80½	8	64½	100	41½
Illinois Central.	100	Morris & Essex.	100	St. L. & K. C.	100
50	84½	400	82½	100	41½
40	84½	C. C. & I. C.	100	500	41½
100	84½	100	5½	100	s3. 41½
100	84½				

MINING STOCK EXCHANGE SALES—JAN. 23.

(All Prices are in Currency.)

SECOND CALL—1 P. M.

Yellow.		Consol. Va.		Silver Hill.	
500	b.c. .12	20	b.s. .8	100 b.s.s10.	2½
500	b.c. .12	15	b.c. .8	California.	
1000 b.s10.	.14	10	b.c. .8½	10	2½
500	b.s. .12	20	s3. .8	Dahlonega.	
1000 b.s2.	.12	20	s.s.b30. .8½	500 b.b10.	.15
500	b.c. .12	Independence.		Rhode Island.	
500	b.s. .12	20	b.s.s.1.60	100	s.2.10
100	b.c. .12	15	b.s.s.1.60	Bussey.	
100	b10. .12	10	b.s.s.1.60	100	s10. .20
American Flag.		100	b.s.1.60	Lacoma.	
500	b30. .12	Gold Placer.		500	.20
100	.20	100	b15. .20	500	.20
100	.20	500	b30. .20	500	s30. .20
100	.21				

THIRD CALL—2:30 P. M.

Burke & Hall.		Lucy.		Lacoma.	
500	b30. .11	100	.22	500	.20
500	b30. .12	100	.22	100	.20
500	s.s.b4. .12	100	s30. .22	100	b3. .20
Yellow.		100	s30. .22	100	b3. .20
100	b.c. .12	100	.22	500	s.s.b3. .20
100	s.c. .12	100	.22	500	s.s.b3. .20
100 b10.	.12	100	.22	1000	s.s.b5. .20
American Flag.		100	.22	California.	
500	s.s.b5. .12	500	.22	10	b.s.b30. .10½
500	s.s.b40. .12	500	s30. .22		

THURSDAY, Jan. 23—P. M.

The business on the Stock Exchange to-day was large in volume, and the dealings were well distributed. All classes of shares found ready buyers, and under brisk purchases an improvement in prices, ranging from ¼ to 4¼ ₩ cent., was established, the advance being most marked in Erie, North-western, Ohio and Mississippi, St. Paul, Lake Shore, C., C., C. & I., Delaware, Lackawanna and Western, and New-Jersey Central. During the afternoon a reaction of ¼ to 1 ₩ cent. took place under realizations, but the dealings were subsequently fully recovered in some instances, and the market closed strong and buoyant in tone.

The transactions aggregated 305,158 shares, including 63,025 Erie, 55,250 Lake Shore, 47,590 North-western, 37,400 Delaware, Lackawanna and Western, 21,445 St. Paul, 20,900 Ohio and Mississippi, 9,400 Western Union, 9,785 New-Jersey Central, 5,400 Wabash, 5,110 C. C. C. and I., 3,250 Michigan Central, 3,200 Morris and Essex, 2,270 Delaware and Hudson, 1,900 St. Louis, Kansas City and Northern, 1,770 Hannibal and St. Joseph, 1,750 Pacific Mail, 1,700 Pittsburg, 1,600 Atlantic and Pacific Telegraph, 1,400 Missouri, Kansas and Texas, 1,200 Iron Mountain, 1,185 Illinois Central, and 1,120 Rock Island.

Erie common advanced from 25½ to 26, and closed within a fraction of the highest point. The preferred rose rapidly from 44⅝ to 46½, and closed at 45½, as against 42½ yesterday. Lake Shore advanced from 70⅝ to 72½, and after receding to 71⅞, rose to 72⅝ in the final dealings. Canada Southern sold at 49 throughout the day. Michigan Central rose from 80 to 80⅞, and closed at 80½. Northwest common advanced from 59½ to 61½, reacted to 60⅝, recovered to 61, and finally sold at 60⅞. The preferred sold up from 84½ to 86½, reacted to 85, and rallied to 85⅝. St. Paul common rose from 40⅜ to 40⅞, fell off to 40¼, and sold up to 40⅞ at the close. The preferred advanced from 81 to 82, receded to 81⅝, and recovered to 81⅞. C., C., C. and I. rose from 43⅞ to 46, and reacted to 45½. Union Pacific fell off to 67⅞. Ohio and Mississippi advanced from 9⅝ to 11 for the common, and from 24⅝ to 29 for the preferred, with final sales at 10½ and 28½, respectively. Wabash fluctuated between 22½ and 23, with opening and closing sales at 22⅝. St. Louis, Kansas City and Northern sold at 7⅞@8½ for the common, and at 32⅝@32⅞ for the preferred. Missouri, Kansas and Texas fell off from 5⅝ to 5⅛, and rose to 6. Hannibal and St. Joseph common declined from 15 to 14⅝. The preferred sold at 37⅞@37½. Iron Mountain rose from 16⅜ to 17. Morris and Essex advanced from 82⅞ to 83, fell off to 82⅝, and rallied to 82⅞. Delaware, Lackawanna and Western advanced from 51⅝ to 52⅝, reacted to 52¼, rose to 53, fell off to 52½, and finally sold at 52⅝. Delaware and Hudson declined from 44½ to 43⅝, and rose to 44⅞. New-Jersey Central fell off from 41 to 40¼, rose to 42, and reacted to 41⅝. Pacific Mail advanced from 12⅝ to 13⅛, and closed at 13⅛. Western Union rose from 97 to 98, reacted to 97¼, and recovered to 97⅝. Atlantic and Pacific Telegraph sold at 38⅞@39¼. Among investment shares, Rock Island rose to 125⅞, Chicago, Burlington and Quincy to 114⅝, New-York Central to 115, Fort Wayne to 106½, Pittsburg to 92, and Illinois Central to 84⅝. The final sales were at a slight reaction from these prices.

The money market was easy, with offerings of capital at 2@3 ₩ cent. on railway and miscellaneous collaterals, and as low as 1@1½ ₩ cent. to the Government bond dealers. Discounts are unchanged.

The foreign advices reported a very buoyant market for American railway shares at London, with a still further improvement in prices of ¼ to 6¼ ₩ cent. Erie was most conspicuous in the upward movement, the preferred advancing 6¼ ₩ cent., to 46¼, and the common 1 ₩ cent. to 25⅝. Illinois Central rose 1 ₩ cent. to 86¼. New-Jersey Central 1 ₩ cent., to 42, and Reading ¼ ₩ cent., to 19¼. United States bonds were considerably lower, doubtless in consequence of the announcement of the formation of the syndicate to offer the 4 ₩ cent. loan in Europe, and the belief that redemption of 5-20s and other issues will proceed more rapidly than heretofore. United States 10-40s were reported at 107½, against 109¼ yesterday, while 5s of 1881 declined ⅞ ₩ cent., to 106⅞; 4½s ¼, to 108⅝, and 1868s ⅛, to 103⅝. British Consols were firm at 97¼@98⅜ for both money and the account. Bar Silver was quoted at 50¾d. ₩ ounce. The Bank of England directors, at their weekly court this morning, made no alteration in the discount rate, which remains 4 ₩ cent. The bank gained £526,000 bullion for the week ending yesterday, and £10,000 to-day on balance. The proportion of the bank's reserve to its liabilities is now 31½ ₩ cent., as against 30⅜ ₩ cent. last week. At Paris, Rentes rose to 113f. 92½c. The weekly statement of the Bank of France shows an increase in specie of 10,428,000f.

In the Sterling Exchange market to-day there were free offerings of bankers' and commercial bills, the pressure being chiefly attributable to the feeling of uncertainty which prevails in regard to the probable operations of the new syndicate. The nominal asking rates were reduced from $4 86½ to $4 86 for bankers' long, and from $4 89½ to $4 89 for sight drafts, with actual business at a concession of 1 cent from these figures. Cables sold at $4 88½@$4 88¾, and commercial bills at $4 82½@$4 83½.

Government bonds were firm for 4s and 4½s, but weak and lower for the other issues, notably 10-40s, which declined 1 ₩ cent. The market, generally speaking, is weakened by the rapid refunding of the public debt and the decline in prices at London. The subscriptions to the 4 per cent. loan at Washington to-day amounted to over $9,000,000. Railroad mortgages continue in active demand, and with few exceptions, still higher prices were recorded to-day. Metropolitan Elevated Firsts rose to 98½. New-Jersey Central convertibles to 96, St. Paul, L and D. Division, Extension, to 100¼, do., consolidated Sinking Funds to 102¾, Delaware and Hudson coupon 7s of 1894 to 99½, Denver and Rio Grande Firsts to 88⅝, North Missouri Firsts to 108¼, Ohio and Mississippi Seconds to 83½, Kansas Pacific 6s, February and August, with coupon certificates, to 112½, Cincinnati and Springfield Firsts, guaranteed by C., C., C. & I., to 92¼, Chicago, St. Paul and Minneapolis Firsts to 90½, Toledo and Wabash consolidated convertibles, ex coupon, to 70, St. Louis, Kansas City and Northern Real Estate 7s of 1895 to 98, Kansas Pacific 7s, Denver Division, with coupon certificates, to 78½, and do. 6s, J. and D., 1896, with coupon certificates, to 105. Cincinnati and Springfield Firsts guaranteed by Lake Shore, fell off to 96½, and recovered to 97. Hannibal and St. Joseph convertibles declined to 105, and subsequently rose to 106. New-Jersey Central Firsts were strong at 117¾; do. consolidated assented fell off to 79½, convertibles assented to 79, and Lehigh and Wilkesbarre consolidated assented to 47½. Burlington, Cedar Rapids and Northern Firsts declined from 70½ to 69⅝. In State bonds, Louisiana Consols advanced to 65, fell off to 64½, and rallied to 64½. District of Columbia 3.65s sold at 81¼@81½, North Carolina old, January and July, declined to 18¾.

UNITED STATES TREASURY,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 23, 1879.

Receipts	$1,682,801 50
Payments	1,124,244 72
Balance, coin	114,568,929 65
Balance, notes	45,246,513 61
United States notes redeemed	63,995 00
Coin received for United States notes	2,700 00

CLOSING QUOTATIONS—JAN. 23.

	Wednesday.	Thursday.
United States 4½s, 1891, coup	106	106
United States 5s, 1881, coup	106⅞	106⅞
United States 5-20s, 1867, coup	102⅞	102⅞
Bullen London, $4 85¼@$4 85¾	$4 85@$4 85¼	
New-York Central	114⅞	114⅝
Rock Island	125½	125½
Pacific Mail	13	13⅛
Milwaukee and St. Paul	40½	40⅞
Milwaukee and St. Paul pref	81	81½
Lake Shore	70½	72⅝
Chicago and North-western	59⅞	60⅝
Chicago and North-western pref	84½	85⅝
Western Union	97	97⅝
Union Pacific	68½	67⅞
Delaware, Lack. and Western	51⅝	52⅝
New-Jersey Central	40⅞	41⅝
Delaware and Hudson Canal	44	44⅞
Morris and Essex	82⅝	82⅞
Panama	123	123
Erie	24⅞	25⅝
Ohio and Mississippi	9⅝	10⅞
Harlem	142	142
Hannibal and St. Joseph	14⅝	14⅞
Hannibal and St. Joseph preferred	38⅞	37½
Michigan Central	80½	80⅞
Illinois Central	83½	84½
Wabash	22⅞	22⅞
Canada Southern	48	48
Iron Mountain	16½	17
Pittsburg	91⅞	92

The extreme range of prices in stocks and the number of shares sold are as follows:

	Highest.	Lowest.	No. of Shares.
New-York Central	114⅞	114⅜	845
Canada Southern	48	48	200
Erie	26	25⅛	64,025
Erie pref	46½	44⅝	2,400
Lake Shore	72⅝	70⅝	55,250
Wabash	23⅞	22⅝	5,400
North-western	61⅛	59½	32,650
North-western pref	86½	84½	14,040
Rock Island	125⅞	125½	1,120
Fort Wayne	106	106	100
Milwaukee & St. Paul	40⅞	40¼	14,720
Mil. & St. Paul pref	82	81	4,725
Pittsburg	92	91⅞	1,700
Del., Lack. & Western	53	51⅞	37,400
New-Jersey Central	42	40¼	9,785
Delaware & Hudson Canal	44⅞	43⅝	2,270
Morris & Essex	83	82⅝	3,200
Michigan Central	80⅞	80	3,250
Illinois Central	84⅞	84½	1,185
Union Pacific	68	67⅞	275
C., C., C. & I.	46	43⅞	5,110
Chicago, Bur. & Quincy	114⅞	114	521
Chicago and Alton	94½	94½	200
Iron Mountain	17	16⅝	1,200
C., C. & Ind. Central	5½	5	100
Hannibal & St. Joseph	15	14⅝	850
Hannibal & St. Joseph pf.	37⅞	37	920
Ohio & Mississippi	11	9⅝	18,300
Ohio & Mississippi pref	29	24⅝	1,900
Panama	125	123	100
Western Union	98	97	9,400
A. & P. Telegraph	39⅞	38	1,600
Pacific Mail	13⅛	12⅞	1,750
Quicksilver	14	13½	400
Kansas Pacific	9⅞	9⅝	800
Mo., Kan. & Texas	6	5⅝	1,400
St. L., K. C. & N.	8	7⅞	900
St. L., K. C. & N. pref	32⅞	32⅝	1,000
New-Jersey Southern	2⅛	1⅞	450
Adams Express	105	105	265
Total sales			305,158

The following were the closing quotations of Government bonds:

	Bid.	Asked.
United States currency 6s	120⅞	121
United States 6s, 1881, registered	106⅝	107
United States 6s, 1881, coupon	106⅝	107
United States 5-20s, 1867, registered	101⅞	102⅛
United States 5-20s, 1867, coupon	101⅞	102⅛
United States 5-20s, 1868, registered	102⅞	103⅞
United States 5-20s, 1868, coupon	102⅞	103⅞
United States 10-40s, registered	105	105¼
United States 10-40s, coupon	105	105¼
United States 5s, 1881, registered	105¼	105⅞
United States 5s, 1881, coupon	106⅝	106⅞
United States 4½s, 1891, registered	106	106⅛
United States 4½s, 1891, coupon	106	106⅛
United States 4s, 1907, registered	99⅞	100⅛
United States 4s, 1907, coupon	99⅞	100⅛

The following is the Clearing-house statement to-day:

Exchanges	$72,190,996
Balances	2,983,329

The following were the bids for the various State securities:

Alabama 5s, '69	45	Mo. H. & St. J. due '86	104
Alabama 5s, '86	45	Mo. H. & St. J. due '87	104
Alabama 5s, '66	45	N. Y. Sc. G. B. '67	110
Alabama 8s, '86	45	N. Y. Sc. G. B. '67	110
Ala. Sc. A. & O. R.	5	N. Y. 6s, G. L. '91	120
Alabama 8s, '92	90	N. Y. 6s, G. L. '92	120
Alabama 8s, '93	20	N. Y. 6s, G. L. '93	121
Ark. 7s, L. R. & Ft. S.	8½	N. C. 6s, old, J. & J.	18⅞
Ark. 7s, M. & L. R.	4	N. C. 6s, N. C. R. J. & J.	27
Ark. 7s, L. R. P. & N. O.	3½	N. C. 6s, ex. ap. A. & O.	27
Ark. 7s, M. O. & E.	4	N. C. 6s, do. c. c. J. & J.	27
Ark. 7s, A. O. R.	4	N. C. 6s, do. c. c. A. & O.	70
Conn. 6s, '83-84	105	N. C. 6s, F. A. '68-'98	10½
Ga. 6s, '79-80-86	101½	N. C. 6s, n. b. 92-'94	10
Ga. 7s, n. bs. '86	107½	N. C. 6s, Sp. T. ct. 1	3
Ga. 7s, n. bs. '89-'90	108	N. C. 6s, Sp. T.

THE REAL ESTATE MARKET.

The following City real estate was sold at public auction at the Exchange, yesterday, Thursday, Jan. 23:

Richard V. Harnett, foreclosure sale, Louis P. Blanchard, Esq., Referee, sold the depository brick building, with lot 25.6 by 101.6, No. 1,591 2d-av., west side, 102.2 feet north of 82d-st., for $10,500, to James Maley, plaintiff.

R. A. Lawrence & Co., foreclosure sale, William H. Gibson, Esq., Referee, sold two lots, each 25 by 99.11, on East 146th-st., north side, 475 feet east of 10th-av., for $2,000, to Lydia S. Floyd, plaintiff.

C. J. Lyons, foreclosure sale, George P. Smith, Esq., Referee, sold two lots, each 25 by 99.11, on West 151st-st., south side, 100 feet east of 10th-av., and plot of land 155.7 by 100, on 10th-av., northwest corner of 151st-st., for $14,500, to Jacob F. Lockman, as trustee for said plaintiff. Also, similar sale, H. Spencer, Esq., Referee, sold a plot of land, 50.11 by —, on 8th-av., south-east corner of 154th-st., running through to Macomb's road, for $8,000, to same purchaser.

The following sales were adjourned as follows: Sale by Richard V. Harnett of a plot of land, on 10th-av., north of 110th-st., to Jan. 27; sale by A. J. Bleecker & Son of 15 62-100 acres of land, known as Lots D and G, on a map of Mount Pelier, here, to Feb. 3; sale by P. J. Raymond of the building, with lot No. 732 Broadway, north of Waverley-place, to Feb. 13; and sale by F. G. & G. A. Brown of the dwelling, with lot, No. 250 West 22d-st., west of 8th-av., to same date.

RECORDED REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

[Real-estate Exchange.]

Wednesday, Jan. 22.

155th-st., n. s., 97 ft. e. of Lenox-ave., 25x99, 77.6; Frank Sullivan and wife to Frederick Meisner, Executor $10,000
Washington-st., lot No. 8, 50x100, 23d Ward; Sarah Halsey to Elizabeth Spence 8,000
Allerton-st., lot 100 ft. w. of Cassidy, 25.3x 68.9; Martin Hart and wife to Jas. Hart 10,000
10th-st., West, No. 404; Daniel N. Magee and wife to William E. Sandiverson and others 8,500
Same property; Same to Same 1,100
85; Charles Wahmann and wife to Henry Watrous 100
Same property; Henry W. Watrous to Sarah A. Wahmann 100
Chrystie-st., No. 65, 25x100; Henry W. Watrous to Sarah A. Wahmann 7,500
Same property; Charles E. Schmid and others to Elizabeth A. Wahmann 7,500
10th-st., n. s., 350 ft. w. of 7th-av., 25x99; John Hanlon to William Kennedy 5,000
Same property; William Kennedy to Fanny Hanlon 5,000
50th-st., n. s., 50 ft. e. of Lexington-ave., 25x100; William A. McKinney and wife to George A. McKinney 10,000
Madison-st., s. s., 215 ft. e. of Rutgers-st., 22.9x99; A. Eno, Receiver, to Bank for Savings 5,000
Madison-st., No. 420; Charles Buggin and wife to Catherine Buggin 22,000
96th-st., n. s., 261.7 ft. w. of 2d-av., 18.9x98.9; James Delany to Lawrence C. Reynolds 10,500
Avenue A, s. w. c. of 7th-st., 24.6x 100.9; T. Ivanty Rollins to August Sauer 5,000
Same property; Same to Same 5,000
Same property; Same to Same 4,325
William F. Dornbach, s. s. of 126th-st., 25x 99.9; John Wallace to William Wallace ..... nom.
Madison-st., s. s., 75 ft. e. of 5th-av., 37x82; Charles Lockman to Same ..... nom.
5th-st., n. s., 140 ft. e. of 6th-av., 20x100.5; A. J. Rankin to Robert A. Chew 22,125
47th-st., s. s., 140 ft. e. of 5th-av., 20x100.5; Same to Same 26,000
Lenox-ave., w. s., 150 ft. to 50th-st., 100x30.10; Andrew Sailer to William Noble 103,000
Sixth-ave., nos. 9 & 11, 19x60.9, also, Grand-st., No. 276, 27x67ft.; Kenneth Gunson to Ed. Gunson 2,000
Fordham-st., s. s., 80 ft. e. of 5th-st., 79x200; also, Fordham-st., s. s., 80 ft. e. of 5th-st., 80x100.6; Frederick H. Noble and others to Same 2,000
Same property; Same to Same 2,000
52d-st., s. s., 324 ft. e. of 1st-av., 36.10x75; William B. Stevenson and wife to Margaret Feld 7,000
Southern Boulevard and Gouverneur, lot No. 214, 50x250x100x 254 West; Same to Same 1,500
Sullivan, Bear, No. 102; Anton Demuter and wife to Fred. A. Shepard 6,025

LEASE RECORDED.

1st-av., s. s., 72.11 ft. e. of 47th-st., 24.9x95, 20 years; John J. Astor to Leander Ransom 2500

MORTGAGES RECORDED.

Bradford, Sarah R., and husband to A. S. Underhill, Jr., Avenue B, s. w. c. of 3 Points $10,000
Christman, Antonia L., and wife to Theodore Johnston, 2d-st., s. s. of 42d-st., 2 years 2,000
Bradford, William, and wife to J. W. Hobbs, s. s. Pearl-st., 2 of 5 years 2,000
Fourth Samuel R., and wife to The Mutual Life Insurance Company, Nos. 143 and 145 West-st., and Nos. 214 and 216 Washington-st., 18 months 75,000
Everett, Samuel K., and wife to George Opdyke, same property, 5 years 20,000
Polson, Louisa, to H. Cavenaugh; No. 152 Prince-st., 3 years 2,500
Poulin, Leslie, and husband to John Conway, 2d-st., above Houston, 3d-st., s. e. corner of 2d-av., and Houston, 2d-st., s. e. corner of 2d-av., 5 years 5,000
Ferguson, Edward, and wife to Charles H. Neal, 4-st., s. s. Rivington-st., s. of Attorney-st., 3 years 10,000
Kerr, Levi, and others to William Rockefeller, s. s. corner of 54th-st., and 54th-st., 1 year 85,000
Lenox, Patrick, to John Reich, s. s. 126th-st., 3 years 4,000
McCaddy, John, of the Mutual Life Insurance Company, s. s. corner of Avenue B and 5th-st., and also 154 and 156 7th-st., 18 months 37,500
Hedenstein, Apollonia, and others to Charles A. Hubert, w. s. Northfield, s. of Hancock, 1 year 1,500
O'Reilly, Bridget, to Jeannette C. Patterson, 1 year 1,000
Lyons, John, to T. E. Crossman; s. s. 141st-st., 2 of 5 years 2,000
Frank, Jacob, and husband to John Conway, 2d-st., above Houston, 2d-st., s. e. corner of 2d-av., and Houston, 2d-st., s. e. corner of 2d-av., 5 years 5,000
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CITY REAL ESTATE.

THE DESIRABLE PROPERTY, NO. 61 West 14th-st., 75 feet east of 6th-av., building 25x114, suitable for any goods, business, or any business in order of sale. Apply on premises.

NO. 310 EAST 12TH-ST., NEAR STUYVESANT PARK.—Well-located, six-story, medium-size flats, 25 feet wide. Apply from owner, V. E. STEVENSON, Jr., offices 4 Pine, 86 East 17th-st., and 661 5th-av.

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REAL ESTATE AT AUCTION.

ADRIAN H. MULDER, Auctioneer.

ESTATE OF JOHN H. POWERS, DECEASED.

EXECUTOR'S SALE OF VALUABLE IMPROVED AND UNIMPROVED PROPERTY.

ADRIAN H. MULDER & SON will sell at auction on TUESDAY, Jan. 28, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange, No. 111 Broadway, the following described real estate:

FORDHAM-AVENUE.—The four-story brick stores, with lots of land, situate on the north-east corner of 4th-av. and 111th-st., Nos. 93, 95, 97, 99, and 101 4th-av. The dimensions are 100 feet front and rear, and 100 feet in depth. The brick stores and lot No. 96 Rivington-st., and No. 61 Pearl-st., running through from Pearl to Rivington-st.

CANAL AND MOTT STREETS.—The brick and frame buildings and lots Nos. 178 and 180 Canal-st., corner of Mott-st.

THIRD-AVENUE, SIXTY-SIXTH AND SIXTY-SEVENTH STREETS.—Eight lots, comprising the entire entirety front on the east side of Third-av., of 100 feet in front by 100 in depth, and 14 lots on 67th-st., commencing 100 feet east of the 3d-av., and 100 feet in depth, and 25x100 feet, except the two easterly lots on each street, which are 50x100 feet each.

WEST 125TH-STREET.—The lot on the north-west corner of Eighth and Cathedral-st.

FORTY-SECOND-STREET.—One lot, south side, 200 feet west of 7th-av., 25x98.9.

WEST 125TH-STREET.—Two lots, south side, 200 feet west of 8th-av., 50x98.9.

WEST 125TH-STREET.—Two lots, south side, 325 feet west of 8th-av., and four lots, south side of 125th-st., 375 feet west of 8th-av.

BROADWAY.—Two lots, west side of Broadway, 218 feet north of 116th-st., and opposite Riverside Park.

BROADWAY.—Four lots, west side of Broadway, 100 feet north of 116th-st., opposite Riverside Park.

BROADWAY.—Two

BRILLIANT BILLIARD PLAY.

FOURTH DAY OF THE TOURNAMENT.

DALY DEFEATS GALLAGHER—THE LATTER PLAYS A GREAT SCIENTIFIC SHOT—SCHAEFER BEATS RUDOLPHE—THE FRENCHMAN GETS EXCITED.

The games of the Brunswick and Balke Championship Tournament at Cooper Institute yesterday, while they were marked by much brilliant play, were peculiar in the matter of enthusiasm and excitement, the enthusiasm being elicited by a great shot by Gallagher, and the excitement by a heated war of words by Rudolphe, prompted by the trivial circumstance of a ball rolling over a tiny bit of chalk. Maurice Daly vanquished Thomas J. Gallagher in the afternoon, and in the evening Jacob Schaefer overcame the excitable A. P. Rudolphe. Daly won the lead, but missed from the string, giving Gallagher a "leave" that yielded 12 points. Daly made a pretty two-cushion long "draw," and, with a few gracefully-played "position" shots, gathered the ivories in the right-hand upper corner, where he played them freely and well for 42, and then got them into position for a "nurse" on the top rail. He was in splendid trim, and played with an easy grace worthy of Garnier. The ivories broke about three-quarters of the way across the rail, and he played a number of neat shots, among them being three fine "banks" to bring them once more under control, but retired on an easy shot, after completing a run of 103. Gallagher grew nervous, as usual, and made but 8; tried again, and made 4, and then gathered a "goose-egg." Daly had also been playing small counts, but was fighting hard for the rail, at the same time widening the big gap between his score and that of his adversary. The St. Louis man, finding the balls rolling hard for him, began to play "safety," but the young New-Yorker very neatly knocked the life out of the "safe" leaves, and renewed his efforts to gather the spheres on the rail. In his seventh inning he made but 1, but it was as finely-executed a single-cushion shot as could well be played. Gallagher played for 13, and left the balls in splendid position for his opponent, who was not slow to take advantage of it to gather 20 points, which made his score 208 to Gallagher's 39. In the eleventh inning he gained the rail he had so long fought for in two shots, and began to "nurse" the ivories down the right-side cushion, playing them with much delicacy. They "broke" on his fifty-fourth shot, but a beautiful "kiss" shot and a delicate "masse" brought them seemingly under control. They were not what they seemed however, and they quickly scattered, and the player left off with a score of 76. He gave his opponent 1 on a "safety" play in the succeeding inning, but left the ivories so that the St. Louis man could not count. The latter, however, got them into a fair position directly afterward, and gathered them on the top rail, where he began to play a pretty "nurse," but slipped up on an unlucky "masse," after having added 35 to his score. Daly also followed with an equally fine nurse for 35, and then retired, carrying up his score to 336, Gallagher's being 79. The latter missed, and once more Daly settled down to the rail, and resumed his graceful play, with carom followed carom, until the balls "broke" away, and forced the player to adopt equitable shots for position, which he quickly gained, and began to "nurse" once more with consummate skill, for a time, when the balls again slipped away. Daly's skillful play to regain control of them, the player sat down, having by a run of 86 increased his score to 412. Gallagher scored 8, and the New-York expert followed with a neat 43. The balls "froze" on Gallagher after he had counted 12 and obtained good position. He retired after playing a few more open-balls shots with his score increased to 111, by a run of 14. In the succeeding inning and in the next a brilliantly-played run of 68 points, he still further increased to 193. It was the first time he had gathered the ivories on his favorite right side rail, and Daly frequently uttered the commonly "good shot," as the player sticked the balls gently along the top of the table. They "broke" away on his sixty-fourth shot, and he stopped to study the puzzling position in which they were placed. The red ball lay nearly tight against the middle of the right rail cushion, while the spot white ivory lay in the middle of the nearly touching it. The player's ball lay near the rail, about a foot and a half away from the other balls. It was a position from which he could not make a "bank" successfully, and, after deliberating, he determined to essay an almost impossible "cushion-kiss" shot. He drew with a slight "reverse English" from the cushion, and carefully touched the cushion of the left side rail. This caused the "spot" white ball to strike the red, which touched the cushion about midway above the bottom right hand "crotch," whence it glided to the bottom rail, and crossed diagonally to the left rail cushion, and glided away from it so near the player's ball with a gentle "kiss" that it just touched it, and then, as it were, from the left side, it was a splendidly calculated shot, and, by all odds, the most brilliant yet played in the tournament, and was deservedly rewarded by prolonged cheers and hand-clapping. The player was now regaining his nerve, and was beginning to press Daly, who, in his twenty-third inning, forced his ball off the table, giving his opponent a second point on a "miss." Gallagher quickly took advantage of it, and played quickly to overcome his adversary's big lead; but though he did the best up-hill work he has yet exhibited, Daly was gradually taking advantage of his bad luck, and wedging in small runs, which crushed out Gallagher's chance of regaining lost ground, and, finally, by a run of 63, the New-Yorker closed the game by leaving Gallagher in his inning, giving the St. Louis man 306 points. The score was as follows:

Daly—0, 103, 14, 2, 28, 0, 38, 1, 30, 4, 78, 2, 0, 5, 38, 0, 86, 43, 1, 6, 0, 1, 0, 54, 6, 2, 16, 63—306.

Gallagher—12, 2, 4, 0, 0, 0, 0, 6, 13, 1, 2, 0, 1, 2, 35, 1, 1, 8, 22, 14, 68, 2, 0, 0, 0, 0